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Danish delight!

**Elkjaer:
we'll
win it!**

In many ways, Preben Elkjaer is a throwback to the days when footballers wore baggy knee-length shorts and ankle-high boots with toe caps.

The powerfully-built Dane would have relished playing in the 1940s, an era when forwards freely intimidated defenders with crunching shoulder charges.

But as he showed against Scotland and Uruguay, Elkjaer is more than an old-fashioned, rugged centre forward. He ghosted past opponents with contemptuous ease and his finishing was lethal.

Elkjaer, who has an enviable international record of 36 goals from 55 games, shows the same confidence off the field, saying: "We're not only good enough to win our group... we're good enough to win the World Cup itself."

The 28-year-old striker joined Verona for \$US1.5 million (\$A2.18 million) in 1984 and promptly steered the club to its first Italian championship triumph the following season.

Two years ago Elkjaer was also in the headlines when his failure from the spot during a penalty shoot-out saw Denmark slip to defeat against Spain in the European Championship semi-finals.

"I still have nightmares about that," he admitted. "I was just too confident on that occasion and kicked the ball over the crossbar."



● **DEADLY DUO:** Preben Elkjaer-Larsen (left) and Michael Laudrup of Denmark.

Elkjaer, who averaged a goal a game in Denmark's World Cup qualifying section, left Denmark for West German club Cologne as a naive but arrogant 19-year-old in 1976.

When he reported for his first full day's training he sat down in the place usually occupied by West German's 1974 World Cup star Wolfgang Overath. A team-mate tactfully suggested Elkjaer should find another spot in the dressing room, to which the Danish teenager replied: "Why, who's Overath?"

Our greatest yet: Romero

Paraguay's goalkeeper may be the cat that snubbed Mexico with a penalty save but Julio Cesar Romero is the lion in the South Americans' surprise World Cup challenge.

Romero, 27, believes Paraguay, in its fourth finals, has its

strongest squad ever.

He said Paraguay had plenty of good midfielders to allow coach Cayetano Re, a winger in the 1958 side, to play him in a deeper role than that which has brought him success, popularity and the 1985 South American Player of the Year award with Rio de Janeiro's Fluminense.

"This is the best (Paraguayan) national team of all time," he said. "It's greatest virtue is playing better away than at home," a fact borne out by their performances in Mexico. "I'm playing my best soccer and that's why this is the best moment of my career," said Romero, who spent five years at New York Cosmos after helping Paraguay win the 1979 South American championship and before joining Fluminense in 1983, recommended by former Brazil captain and Cosmos star Carlos Alberto.

"I feel most comfortable as a creator and scorer but the national team has players like (Adelfino) Canete and (Roberto) Cabanas for that," said Romero, who nevertheless emerged from his deeper role to steal Paraguay's two goals so far in the finals.

Romero said he admired Argentina's Diego Maradona: "He is the best player in the world, better than Zico and Platini. He is skilful, accurate and strong. He is complete."

style is past history. Soviet soccer is changing. We have excellent technique now, we can keep possession while playing at great speed," Belanov said in an interview with reporters recently.

"Our fast midfield is our best line because we have players who can technically compare with the best in the world," he said.

Zmuda eyes record

Wladyslaw Zmuda, Poland's veteran defender, has recovered from a knee injury and can look forward to equalling Uwe Seeler's record of 21 appearances in World Cup finals.

Zmuda would equal the West German's record if he played for Poland in its final group F match against England here tomorrow (Thursday) Australian time. Zmuda, 32, has not appeared for Poland in the current tournament but played in the 1974, 1978 and 1982 finals. He has 91 international caps.



● Wladyslaw Zmuda

Belanov: he powers Soviet attack

Igor Belanov came to Mexico with only two internationals behind him but the swift striker has edged superstars Oleg Blokhin and Oleg Protasov from the team and emerged as the key man in the high-scoring Soviet attack.

It is Belanov's speed that powers that Soviet attack. Slightly built at 1.74m, the Dynamo Kiev striker sprints 50m in 5.7 seconds.

He is one of the several younger Soviet stars who have

transformed the Soviet game, like midfielders Vasily Rats, Pavel Yakovenko, Ivan Yarmchuk and Sergei Aleinikov. Previously known best for their defensive, physical game, the Soviets have set the soccer world alight with some explosive, attack-minded soccer in Mexico and Belanov typifies the new approach.

"The physical and defensive

DENMARK 6 (Elkjaer 11th., 68th & 79th., Lerby 41st., Laudrup 52nd., J. Olsen 88th) URUGUAY 1 (Francescoli pen. 45th), Group E match in Nezahualcoyotl. Crowd 20,000. Referee: Antonio Marquez (Mexico) 9.

DENMARK: Rasmussen 7 — Busk 7, M. Olsen 9, Nielsen 8, Lerby 9, Berggreen 8, Bertelsen 7 (in), Moolby 7, 55th), Arnesen 9, Andersen 8 — Elkjaer 9, Laudrup 8 (J. Olsen 81st). Coach: Sepp Piontek.

URUGUAY: Alvarez 5 — Gutierrez 4, Acevedo 4, Diego 4, Bosio (sent off 19th) — Batista 4, Saralegui 3, Santin 2 (Zalazar 3, 55th), Alzamendi 2 (Ramos 3, 55th) — da Silva 3, Francescoli 5. Coach: Omar Borrás.

Delightful Denmark leads a much-narrowed field of candidates capable of winning the World Cup. The others are: Italy, France, USSR, Brazil and West Germany. The winner will come from among those six. And a crucial pointer to the eventual outcome may be provided by Denmark's clash with West Germany in Group E on Saturday morning, Australian time. Preben Elkjaer-Larsen's hat-trick against Uruguay — which had been dubbed the World Cup favorite by England manager Bobby Robson — makes him a good bet to finish the tournament as the top scorer.

Uruguay played with only 10 men from the 19th minute, when referee Antonio Marquez sent off hit-man Miguel Bossio for a second yellow-card offence.

Denmark then took over the game, with Morten Olsen, Lerby and Arnesen running the midfield.

But for the Danes, the match was tinged with sadness, as Jens Joern Bertelsen, brought into the team at the expense of Jesper Olsen, had his ankle broken by a cruel tackle from Da Silva.

Sepp Piontek, Denmark's West German coach, asked if Danish football was the best in the world, said: "I don't know. We are just pleased to have a chance to show what we can do here in Mexico."

What was the secret of their success? "The players only meet for internationals but they have known each other for five years, and they are good friends. That's the secret of our success," said Piontek.

CUP SCORES

FRANCE 3 (Stopyra 30th, Tigana 63rd, Rocheteau 84th) HUNGARY 0. World Cup Group C match in Leon. Referee: V. Silva (Portugal).

USSR 2 (Blokhin 58th, Zavarov 75th) CANADA 0. World Cup Group C match in Irapuato.



● Weinstein



● Lederer

Honored

Michael Weinstein and Andrew Lederer were included in the Queen's Birthday Australian Honors list for their service to soccer.

Weinstein is the chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation and a vice-president of the Australian Soccer Federation.

Lederer, for many years associated with Sydney Harbours, now is team manager of the Socceroos.

Weinstein was made a member of the General Division of the Order of Australia. Lederer was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia.



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WEST GERMANY 2 (Voeller 23rd, Alofs 51st) **SCOTLAND 1** (Strachan 18th), Group A match in Queretaro. Referee Ioan Igna (Romania) 8.

WEST GERMANY: Schumacher 8, Barthelme 5, K H Forster 5, Asperhagen 7, Briegel 7 (inj sub Jakobs 63rd), Eder 7, Littbarski 9 (Rumenigge 76th), Magath 7, Matthaus 9, Voeller 9, Alofs 9. Coach: Franz Beckenbauer.

SCOTLAND: Leighton 8, Gough 7, Miller 8, Narey 6, Malpas 8, Bannan 7, Strachan 8, Aitken 7, Souness 6, Nicol 6 (McAvennie 60th), Archibald 6. Coach: Alex Ferguson.

Rudi Voeller and Klaus Alofs ravished the night



West Germany's assistant coach Berti Vogts (right) takes Matthias Herget (left) and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge for a light job during training.

of Denmark's Eljaer-Laurrup striking combination as West Germany strengthened its claim to the world championship.

Voeller and Alofs had some sensational moments and both will be among the contenders for the World Cup top-scorer crown, although at this stage, it's hard to see anyone overtaking Preben Elkjær.

The German made no sense of pre-World Cup talk that Franz Beckenbauer had failed to mould a cohesive team. Beckenbauer tried a

host of players in order to come up with the right combination and he has succeeded. His men played inspired stuff.

The Scots made a game of it though, scoring first through Gordon Strachan and coming mighty close to equalising when Richard Gough missed narrowly with a header.

One sensed however, that Germany has a lot more yet to give. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge came on only for the last 15 minutes and will provide extra spark when he is fully fit.

Scotland's manager, Alex Ferguson, made a strange move when he took off Eamonn Bannon late in the game, and replaced him with Davie Cooper. One felt there was room for both of them, as Bannon had been working damned hard.

Pierre Littbarski, in from the start, provided a lot of drive and class in Germany's midfield, while Scotland missed three men who had done well against Denmark — Struck and Nicholas, both injured, and McLeish's replacement, David Narey of Dundee Utd, was ordinary to say the least.

Among the stars of the match were two relatively unknown players, German right back Thomas Berthold and midfielder Lothar Matthaus.

Ferguson surprised in playing only one striker — Steve Archibald. That is extremely unusual in British football, although the leading European nations do it all the time.

Overall, Littbarski was the man of the match, fully justifying Beckenbauer's decision to bring him into the team in place of defensive midfielder Andreas Brehme.

Afterwards Beckenbauer said: "The best thing about the game was the win. We were not as good as in the game against Uruguay."

"The Scots played very well and made us work right up to the last minute."

Poles yet to rekindle old glory

POLAND 1 (Smolarek 68th) **PORTUGAL 0**, Group F game in Monterrey. Referee Ali Ben Naceur (Tunisia) 8. Crowd 19,915.

POLAND: Mlynarczyk 8, Pawlik 7, Wojcicki 8, Majewski 7, Ostrowski 7, Matysik 7, Dziakowski 8, Komornicki 6 (Karas 57th), Urban 8 — Boniek 7, Smolarek 8 (Zguczyński 75th).

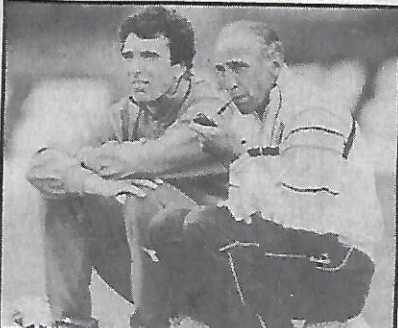
PORTUGAL: Vitor Damas 7 — Alvaro 7, Oliveira 8, Frederico 8, Inacio 7 — Diamantino 7, Antonio Andre 7 (Jaime Magalhães 73rd), Jaime Pacheco 8, Carlos Manuel 8 — Gomes 6 (Futre 7, half time).

Poland 1986 is two classes lower than Poland 1974, 1978 and even 1982. Zbigniew Boniek has yet to show he is still a major force; only man mountain

Wojcicki inspires the sort of awe Zmuda once did in defence, and Dziekanowski is the only bright new star with claims to the sort of glory Deyna, Gadocha, Lato and Lubanski once enjoyed.

Portugal was dead unlucky to lose this game. Knowing a draw would be enough to make sure of qualifying for the second round, Portugal played an impressive possession game, and its dashing inter-passing was hailed by the crowd with chants of "Ole, Ole".

We haven't seen the best of Portugal yet, because it has been reluctant to commit men to attack. If Portugal does advance to the knock-out stage, we'll finally see both Gomes AND Futre in attack. Against Poland, Gomes was stale and Futre, when he came on, frightened the life out of the Polish defence.



The two men with Italy's fate in their hands, coach Enzo Bearzot (right) and assistant Dino Zoff.

PARMESAN POWER!

If World Cup champion Italy retains the trophy, it might owe it to the cook, the mineral water and the parmesan cheese the team brought along.

The cooking of all the local food for the team — pasta, rice and meat — is personally supervised by cook Lorenzo Lorini, who also travelled with the team to Spain four years ago.

And the parmesan cheese? "We just can't get the same stuff here that we have in Italy and we all have it on our spaghetti," Vecchiell said.

Team coach Enzo Bearzot has had stomach problems but team doctor Leonardo Vecchiell said it had nothing to do with the food.

"He smokes his pipe too much, all day from sunrise to sunset it's enough to give anyone a headache and a stomach ache," he said.

The affable Bearzot, whose pipe has become his trademark, laughed off the doctor's remarks at a later press conference.

"I feel fine," he said, pipe in hand.

All the TV matches

SBS **ABC**

Wednesday, 11 June.
3.45 am Argentina v Bulgaria
Thursday, 12 June.
7.45 am England v Poland
Friday, 13 June.
3.45 am Nth Ireland v Brazil
Saturday, 14 June.
3.45 am Scotland v Uruguay
Monday, 16 June.
Time to be announced stage two match
Tuesday, 17 June.
The stage two match
Wednesday, 18 June.
The stage two match
Thursday, 19 June.
The stage two match

Friday, 20 June.
10.30 pm Summary of stage two matches
Sunday, 22 June.
6 am Four hours' 1st and 2nd quarter-finals
11.15 pm Highlights of quarter-finals
Monday, 23 June.
6 am Four hours' 3rd and 4th quarter-finals
9.45 pm Highlights of quarter-finals
Thursday, 26 June.
6 am Four hours' 1st and 2nd semi-finals
10 pm Highlights of semi-finals
Sunday, 29 June.
6 am Play-off for third place
2.05 pm Highlights of play-off
9.30 pm Highlights of final
Monday, 30 June.
3.45 am World Cup final live
6.30 am World Cup final, repeat
9.45 pm Highlights of final

Hungary fails to flatter

HUNGARY 2 (Esterhazy 2nd, Detari 76th) **CANADA 0**, Group C match in Irapuato. Attendance: 13,800. Referee: Jamal Al-Sharif (Syria).

HUNGARY: Szendroi — Salai, Varga, Nagy (Dajka 63rd min), Garaba — Kiprich, Kados, Detari, Buresa (Roth 91st min) — Esterhazy, Bogner.

CANADA: Lettieri — Lendarduz, Bridge, Samuel, Wilson (Sweeney 41st min sent off) — James (Segota 55th min), Gray, Ragan, Norman — Valentine.

"I feel like I've got 30 years older during this game," said Hungarian coach Gyorgy Mezey.

"For the first time in my coaching career we had to win a battle in the game with the opposition, but against ourselves."

"We had to see whether we could still win after that bad loss against the Soviet Union."

Mezey said he was still not completely satisfied. Asked why his team did not continue to push forward after their opening goal, he replied: "Because one goal was enough to win the match."

Canadian substitute striker Segota said: "We missed a lot of chances and the other team had two lucky goals. We could not capitalise on our chances and that's why we're virtually eliminated."

Canadian coach Tony Waiters said: "The worst moments were obviously the first two minutes of the game when the Hungarians scored their first goal which gave them the encouragement they needed."

In the second half we started gambling with attacking play and as a result left ourselves stretched in defence."

Unhappily for Canada, it gained the dubious distinction of being the first country to have a player sent off in World Cup finals in Mexico — not a single player was dismissed in 1970 — when substitute Michael Sweeney received a second yellow card four minutes from the end.

Hungary raced away to an ideal start when Esterhazy scored before the Canadian defence had time to settle.

Canada, which did well to lose only 1-0 to France in its first game, strove valiantly for an equaliser but its efforts left it vulnerable at the back to Detari's second goal 14 minutes from the end.

Cheers, George

George Best has quit his 10,000-pound job as a member of BBC television's World Cup commentary team.

His estranged wife, Angie, said: "I saw George about a week ago and all I can say is that he is a real old tricks again. Need I say more?"

Swallowed tongue

Algerian star Rabah Madjer was on a glucose drip in hospital after a nasty 23rd minute clash of heads with Northern Ireland's Mal Donaghy in a 1-1 group D draw.

The 25-year-old FC Porto player swallowed his tongue and was unconscious for several minutes following the clash. He was sick several times as he stayed over 10 minutes behind the Irish goal before being substituted.

Stewart stranded

While Denmark was making World Cup soccer history on the field, rock singer Stewart sat with fellow Scots in Neza Stadium, yelling "Scotland, here we go."

His car broke down and fans saw him after the game sitting in the back seat, looking glum.

No way, Spain

FIFA has turned down Spain's request for a player to replace Antonio Maceda, the sweepers ruled out of the rest of World Cup finals when he injured his right knee during the opening Group D game against Brazil.

Bento's leg busted

Manual Bento, Portugal's World Cup goalkeeper and captain, fractured a leg in a collision with midfielder Antonio Andre in a training session.

Danish dynamite

COPENHAGEN, Bar owners here saw way free tankards of the famous local beer in the early hours of Wednesday after Denmark's 1-0 win over Scotland.

Thousands of football fans crowded the Danish capital's central pedestrianised area from 2 am onwards chanting slogans such as "We are red, we are white, we are Danish dynamite."

Diego steals the show



Diego Maradona jumps for joy after scoring a brilliant goal against Italy.

ITALY 1 (Altabelli pen. 6th) **ARGENTINA 1** (Maradona 37th), Group A match in Puebla. Crowd 40,000. Referee: Jan Keizer (Holland) 6.

ITALY: Conti 8 (Viali 66th), Bagni 7, de Napoli 7 (G. Baresi 83rd), di Genaro 7, Galderisi 7, Altabelli 7. Coach: Enzo Bearzot.
ARGENTINA: Pulpido 7 — Ruggeri 7, Cucuffo 7, Brown 7, Gago 7, Burruchaga 7, Burghetti 7 (Enrique 84th), Maradona 8, Batista 6 (Claricochea 62nd), Giusti 7 — Valdano 7. Coach: Carlos Bilardo.

Diego Maradona kept way ahead of Michel Platini in the glamor stakes with another fine performance, capped by the best goal in the tournament so far.

He had dominated Argentina's victory over South Korea, and despite the close marking of deNapoli and then Bagni, he also breathed fire against Italy.

His goal was extraordinary.

Running onto a forward ball from Valdano, past Italian sweeper Scirea, he hit it on the volley, across goalkeeper Gaili, just inside the far post.

For all his gesticulating, for all his schoolmaster anties referee Jan Keizer allowed too much rough stuff to go unpunished and his arrogant behaviour just made players angry.

Rather than acting like a prima donna, he should have flashed the yellow card more often. Keizer's decision to give an early penalty over accidental handball by Garre was ridiculous.

Antonio Cabrini and Gaetano Scirea showed their undoubted class in coming forward from defensive positions, and Claudio Borghi had a fine first half.

Italian manager Enzo Bearzot said of his team's showing: "Argentina dominated us in the later stages of the game with their physical superiority and their greater stamina."

Argentine coach Carlos Bilardo said: "Our team kept its cool throughout the game, we held the ball, we tried to take advantage of our mobility. In the second half we surely had a stronger finish than the Italians."

"This was a key match for us, played with only three days of rest against the five for Italy, the defending champion," he said.

Skilful Koreans win over the fans

BULGARIA 1 (Getov 11th) **SOUTH KOREA 1** (Kim Jong-bo 70th), World Cup Group A match in Mexico City. Crowd: 45,000. Referee: Fallaj Al-Shanar (Saudi Arabia).

BULGARIA: Mikhailov — Zoravkov, Aralov, Petrov, Dimitrov — Sirakov, Sadkov, Mladenov, Gospodov — Getov (Yelaskov 57th), Iskrakov (Kostadinov 48th). Coach: Kim Jung-nam.
SOUTH KOREA: Oh Yun-kyo — Park Kyung-hoon, Huh Jung-moo, Cho Young-jeung, Jung Yong-Hwan — Cho Kwang-ree (Cho Min-kook 70th), Park Chang-sun, No Jo-jin (Kim Jong-bo 46th), Byun Byung-joo — Kim Joo-sung, Cha Bum-keun. Coach: Ivan Vutsov.

"What we showed today was that our speed is the thing that gives our teams difficulties," said South Korea coach Kim Jung-nam after the match.

"We were able to maintain a balance between defence and attack and what we have in our favor is our fighting spirit," he added.

Asked why his team played a totally different game from the one it played against Argentina, Kim replied: "There were three reasons for our defeat against Argentina — too much caution, failing to mark Maradona and losing goals early on."

The Bulgarians grabbed an 11th-minute lead through Plamen Getov but then retreated into a defensive shell and ultimately

layed the penalty for their lack of ambition.

Byun Byung-joo hit the post after 64 minutes and four minutes later, substitute Kim Jong-bo hooked a loose ball into the net to earn a point for South Korea.

On its only other trip to the World Cup, in 1954, South Korea conceded 16 goals in two games.

Playing in thunder, lightning and torrential rain, both sides put on a highly creditable display of skill but it was the South Koreans who won the hearts of the 45,000 fans who braved the elements.

It was in the second half, with the pitch a mass of puddles and the ball slicking in mud, that the Koreans showed their bravery and still managed to display their skills.

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Robson faces axe, Charlton sobs

ENGLAND 0 MOROCCO 0 Group F match in Monterrey. Attendance: 22,600. Referee: Gabriel Gonzalez (Paraguay).

ENGLAND: Shilton — Stevens (Everton), Fenwick, Butcher, Sansom — Hoddle, Wilkins, Robson (Hodge 41st min), Lineker, Hateley (Stevens, Tottenham, 76th min), Waddle.

MOROCCO: Baddou Zaki — Khalifa Labd, Abdelmajid Lemris (Lahcen Ouaddani 73rd min), Mustapha Blaz, Noureddine Bouyahyaoui — Abdelmajid Dolmy, Abdelaziz Bouderbala, Krimou Merry, Mohamed Timoumi — Mustapha Merry (Abdelaziz Sou-

leimani 88th min), Abderrazak Khairi.

It's odds-on that the World Cup will cost England manager Bobby Robson his job. The team's performance against Morocco drew comparisons with England's 0-1 loss to the USA in the 1950 finals.

One of the country's leading commentators, Fernando Marcos, said he had never seen an England team that did not fight.

"They put their hands on their hips and accepted what amounts to defeat," he said on state television after the goalless draw.

"These are highly-paid professional footballers and they did not play. They did not even run," Marcos said.

Before closing his programme, he held a red card up to the camera and said: "Red card for England."

Another local commentator said: "Our commentator in Monterrey informs us that Bobby Charlton, at the match as a TV commentator, was crying after the final whistle. No doubt that great gentleman of football, who took such pride in his England jersey, was crying not out of sadness but out of anger."

"Bobby Charlton, Bobby Moore and the other England greats must be red with embarrassment."

"They belonged to a team that fought."

"What shame they must feel for today's England side."

Morocco, for their part, teased the crowd with tantalising glimpses of their obvious skills, particularly those of Mohamed Timoumi and Abdelaziz Bouderbala, both of whom were capable of beating England's ponderous defenders at will.

England played the second half with only 10 men after Ray Wilkins had become the first England player to be sent off in the World Cup finals.

But despite widespread criticism of their performance, manager Robson told a post-match press conference: "I have nothing but admiration for the way my team played in the second half. In my opinion they were all heroes."

Wilkins said afterwards: "When the referee blew up I thought it was a free-kick for us."

"He said it was for off-side against us."

"I just picked up the ball and

threw it back towards the players."

"I didn't mean to throw it towards him."

"It was a stupid thing to do. When he sent me off I felt completely empty inside."

"I thought it was slightly harsh for me to have been cautioned in the first place."



● Enzo Scifo

GOURGIES SENT OFF

BELGIUM 2 (Scifo 15th, Claesen pen 21st) IRAQ 1 (Ahmed Radhi 57th). Group B match at Toluca. Referee: Jesus Diaz (Colombia). Crowd 11,200.

IRAQ: Raad Hammoudi — Khalil Aliawi, Nadhum Shaker, Bameer Shaker, Ali Hussein — Haris Mohammed, Ahmed Rawdi, Kareem Saddam (Rahim Hameed 81st min), Basil Gourgies — Neteo Hashem, Ghannem Urzai.

BELGIUM: Platt — Goretz, van der Elst, Demol (Grun 68th min), de Wolf — Scifo (Clysters 67th min), Vandereycken, Vercauteren, Ceulemans — Claesen, Desmet.

Iraq was reduced to 10 men for almost all of the second half after defender Basil Gourgies was sent off.

Questioned after the match about Gourgies sending off and large crowd of bookings, Iraq's coach, Evaristo de Macedo, said that his team did not come to Mexico to win a cup for good conduct.

"We play strongly but others also play strongly," he said.

"Sometimes we lose our temper but this is normal."

He felt his team had played well, particularly in the second half.

Belgian coach Guy Thys admitted his side lost its way after the interval. "We tried to play attacking soccer but this was really successful only in the first half."

"It was against our style to go all out in attack and that was the reason for our bad showing in the second half."

Iraq staged a stirring fightback and in the end the Belgians were fortunate to record their first win of the tournament.

Iraq pulled back a goal 12 minutes into the second half when winger Ahmed Radhi smashed home from 15 metres after bursting into the penalty area from the right.

The goal came a few minutes after Gourgies was given his marching orders for kicking Enzo Scifo.

All Hussein had an inspired game in Iraq's midfield.

The Belgians, who lost 2-1 to Mexico in their first group game, seemed to have the game wrapped up at the interval, thanks mainly to an inspired 45 minutes by Waregem striker Philippe Desmet.

Scifo collected a pass from Jan Ceulemans, steamed into the penalty area and rifled the ball past goalkeeper Raad Hammoudi's right hand.

Six minutes later the Belgians were 2-0 up. Claesen calmly drove home a penalty after full-back Khalil Aliawi had upended Franky Vercauteren.

ALGERIANS PRAISED

BRAZIL 1 (Careca 67th) ALGERIA 0. Group D match in Guadalajara. Attendance: 30,000. Referee: Romulo Mendez (Guatemala).

BRAZIL: Carlos — Edson (Falcão 11th min), Edinho, Julio Cesar, Branco — Elzo, Alemão, Socrates, Junior — Careca, Casagrande (Muller 50th min).

ALGERIA: Nacaredine Drid — Abdellah Medjidi, Fawzi Mansouri, Fodil Megharia, Mahmoud Guendouz — Mohamed Kaci Said, Salah Assad (Tedi Bensaoula 68th min), Abdelhamid Benmabrouk, Djamel Menad, Lakhdar Beloumi (Djamel Zidane 79th min).

Algerian manager Rabah Sadane said: "In the end I don't think we deserved to lose and I think Brazil must improve if they are to reach the final."

Tele Santana congratulated Sadane and said: "Algeria

played a wonderful match and were very fair."

He said goalkeeper Nacaredine Drid was "the best player on the pitch."

Santana said he was generally disappointed with the defensive style being employed by many teams in the tournament.

Drid made seven difficult saves, including a world-class one-handed dive in the 33rd minute to keep out a header by Casagrande.

Algeria, inspired by Africa's most revered player Lakhdar Beloumi, put together some dangerous attacks in the second half.

The Brazilians scored a soft goal in the 67th minute.

A cross by winger Muller did not appear threatening until Mahmoud Guendouz sliced it across his own area.

Fellow defender Abdellah Medjidi left the ball alone, unaware of Careca behind him, and the Brazilian forward had the simple task of pushing home from two metres.

The new Tostao

When he was nine years old and watching the 1970 Mexican World Cup finals on television, little Antonio Oliveira Filho kept his eyes glued on a diminutive Brazilian forward.

He dreamed one day he would be just like him.

The player was Tostao, one of Brazil's all-time greats.

Sixteen years later, Antonio plays football under the name of Careca and wears the same number nine shirt worn by Tostao.

"I know everybody hailed Pele and Jairzinho, but somehow it was Tostao who impressed me most," he said.

"I used to imitate everything about him, even the way he walked," he recalled.

In those days he never imag-

ined he would enjoy a meteoric rise to soccer fame but by the age of 17 he had already been voted the best newcomer to the Brazilian soccer league.

By 1982 he was at his peak and was recognised as Brazil's outstanding forward.

Zico, Brazil's midfield wizard, testifies to Careca's talents. "It's great to play with him," he said.

"He makes things look so easy, opening holes in the opponents' defence and placing himself at the right spot in the penalty box."

Gallego, Michel star

SPAIN 2 (Butragueño 1st, Salinas 19th) NORTHERN IRELAND 1 (Clarke 47th). Group D match in Guadalajara.

The Spanish side totally dominated the first half, sweeping two goals ahead through Emilio Butragueño, who scored the fastest goal of the tournament in the first minute, and Julio Salinas.

But a dreadful defensive error two minutes into the second period allowed Colin Clarke a gift-wrapped goal to put the Irish back in the game.

Spain was given masterly performances by midfielder-turned-sweeper Ricardo Gallego and midfielder Michel.

Spain now has two points, one more than Algeria which it plays in Monterrey on Friday morning, Australian time.

The estimated 30,000 crowd had hardly settled in their seats when Spain took the lead. An Irish move broke down midway in their own half, a rapier-like pass from Michel pierced the Irish defence and Butragueño did not break step as he steered a right foot shot past Irish goalkeeper Pat Jennings.

For 20 minutes the Spanish midfield, revitalised by the return of Rafael Gordillo after injury, was rampant and it was no surprise when Julio Salinas scored a second for Spain. A terrible string of errors by Spanish keeper Andoni Zubizarreta changed all that with the second half just seconds old. He came out of his area to clear a harmless through ball but could only slice the ball into the air.

Gallego nodded the attempted clearance back towards Zubizarreta but the Bilbao keeper slipped and Clarke had the simple task of nodding home the bouncing ball.



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● The great Bobby Charlton, who helped England win the 1966 World Cup, meets St. George Budapest players before a NSW State League match in 1970. At left is Johnny Warren, former Soccerroo captain, and at right Atti Abonyi, still the all-time top scorer for Australia in full international matches.



● The day Ray Baartz's international career ended — April 27, 1974, at the SCG. Inis Garisto is led away after being sent off by referee Don Campbell (right). Garisto, playing for Uruguay, had felled Baartz with a punch which Soccerroo coach Rale Rasie later described as a karate chop. Baartz lay semi-conscious but recovered to continue playing in Australia's 2-0 victory. Twelve hours later, he was admitted to hospital, partly paralysed, the injury later cleared up, but finished him as a player. The Soccerroos left shortly afterwards to contest the World Cup finals in West Germany and they took Baartz along, though he wasn't able to play.



● The great Pele, jewel of four World Cup finals series, played against Australia at the Sydney Sports Ground in 1972. To their everlasting credit, the Soccerroos gained a 2-2 draw with FC Santos, due in no small part to Ray Richards' close marking of the great man. Richards (No. 6) is pictured tackling Pele in that match. They are flanked by two of Pele's Santos team-mates, and Soccerroo Jim Mackay (right).



● The great George Best never had the honor of playing in a World Cup. While he starred for Manchester United, it was with Northern Ireland that he played his international soccer, and he was too young when the Irish contested the 1958 World Cup, and too old when they qualified for Spain in 1982. Best is pictured in action against Cliff van Blerk of NSW at the SCG in 1967.



● Willie Schrief was the goalkeeper of the Czech team that was beaten by Brazil in the 1962 World Cup final in Chile. He later joined Victorian club Slavia and is pictured in action for the Victorian State team against NSW at Wentworth Park in 1968.

'We were better': Beckenbauer

URUGUAY 1 (Alzamendi 5th) WEST GERMANY 1 (K. Allofs 85th) Group E match in Queretaro. Referee: Vojtek Christov (Czech).

URUGUAY: Fernando Alvarez — Nelson Gutierrez, Eduardo Acevedo, Victor Diogo, Miguel Bossio — Jose Batista, Antonio Alzamendi (Venancio Ramos 81st min), Jorge Barrios (Mario Saralegui 57th min), Jorge da Silva — Enzo Francescoli, Sergio Santin.

WEST GERMANY: Toni Schumacher — Hans-Peter Briegel, Thomas Berthold, Karlheinz Foerster, Klaus Augenthaler — Norbert Eder, Lothar Matthaus (Karl-Heinz Rummenigge 70th), Felix Magath, Andreas Brehme (Pierre Littbarski 46th min) — Rudi Voeller, Klaus Allofs.

Franz Beckenbauer, the West German coach, said his team was much more superior for 70 minutes.

At times the West German commitment to getting forward early was reminiscent to a club game, though their enthusiastic running served only to encourage pressure from Allofs and Voeller and counter-attacked with a series of 30 yard runs by Da Silva and Alzamendi.

West Germany's decision to bring on Littbarski and Rummenigge in the second half created an element of surprise in attack but goalkeeper Fernando Alvarez, in for injured Rodolfo Rodriguez, was in brilliant form.

Klaus Allofs scored five minutes from time, cancelling out the goal Uruguay scored after only four minutes when

Antonio Alzamendi gratefully accepted a casual back pass by Thomas Berthold.

The match was a brutal opening encounter in what is widely regarded as the toughest qualifying section.

Uruguay set the pattern when Gutierrez crudely brought down striker Rudi Voeller after only 25 seconds and the South Americans' cynical tackling went largely unchecked throughout by Czechoslovak referee Vojtek Christov.

Two Uruguayans, Victor Diogo and Mario Saralegui, did get their names into the referee's book but that was scarcely enough to keep in check a rugged battle in which the West Germans handed out their fair share of punishment in the second half.

Uruguay's goal was almost a repeat of the controversial incident in the Spain-Brazil game the previous Sunday, although then the Spanish were refused a goal.

Alzamendi's shot bounced off the bar and out of the goal but the referee judged it had crossed the line despite West German protests.

The last 25 minutes produced some frenzied attacking by the West Germans with Klaus Augenthaler striking the angle of post and bar and Bethold twice going close as he tried to atone for his earlier mistake.

Five minutes from the end Karlheinz Foerster steered the ball to Allofs on the left side of the area for him to ram home a shot just inside the far post.

Krimau worries Poles

POLAND 0 MOROCCO 0, World Cup. Group F referee Jose Martinez (Uruguay). Played in Monterrey.

MOROCCO: Baddou Zaki — Khalifa Labe, Abdelmajid Lemr, Mustapha Biaz, Hourreddine Bouyahyaoui — Abdelmajid Dolmy, Mustapha Boudou (Abdelaziz Bouli mani 89th min), Abdelaziz Boudouala — Krimau Merry, Mohamed Timouni (Abderrazak Khair, 85th min), Mustapha Merry.

POLAND: Josef Mlynarczyk — Marek Ostrowski, Roman Wojcicki, Stefan Majewski, Waldemar Matysik, Dariusz Kobacki (Kazimierz Przybys 46th min), Rydzard Komonicki, Andrzej Buncol, Wlozimirz Smolarek, Zbigniew Boniek, Dariusz Dziekanowski (Jan Urban 55th min).

Poland was once again reminded that in the World Cup unrated African sides cannot be easily dismissed.

Just as in Spain four years ago, the Poles struggled to a

goalless draw with Cameroon, they were frustrated by the Moroccan's midfield domination.

Manager Antoni Piechniczek's assertion that this squad is better than that which finished third in Spain looked an empty boast.

Moroccan manager Jose Farea defended his team's performance against critics who felt the overall quality of the match was poor for a World Cup game.

He said: "We are very happy with a draw against a team of great tradition. In the World Cup it is more important to qualify for the later stages than to play brilliantly in the first match."

"This result will boost the morale of my team."

Poland, with Zbigniew Boniek subdued, decided to play five men across the midfield but was unable to put together an attack worthy of the name until six minutes from the end when substitute Jan Urban broke through and his shot cannoned back off the post.

Morocco, on the other hand, employed its short, square passing and slow build-up to good effect, wearing down the Polish resistance and earning the result it wanted.

Morocco always looked the more likely to score, with Aziz Bouderbal, the man manager Jose Faria had told everyone to match out for, directing things from midfield and bustling striker Krimau looking occasionally dangerous up front.

In the 53rd minute Dariusz Dziekanowski had a shot on the turn well held by Badu Zaki, who was again in action a minute later when he charged out of his area to head away Boniek's dangerous through ball for Dziekanowski had a shot on the turn well held by Badu Zaki, who was again in action a minute later when he charged out of his area to head away Boniek's dangerous through ball for Dziekanowski to chase.



Marek Ostrowski

Julio Romero all class!

PARAGUAY 1, (Romero 35th) IRAQ 0, World Cup Group B match in Toluca, referee Sydney Picon (Mauritius), attendance 12,500.

IRAQ: Raad Hammoudi — Khalil Allawi, Nadhum Shaker, Bameer Shaker, Ali Hussein, Harris Mohammed (Rahin Hameed 67th), Ahmed Radhi, Hussein Saeed, Basil Gourgie (Basem Gassan 80th), — Naeo Hashem, Ghanem Uraibi. Coach: Evaristo de Macedo.

PARAGUAY: Roberto Fernandez — Juan Torres, Cesar Zabala, Wladimir Schettina, Rogelio Delgado — Jorge Nunez, Buenaventura Ferreira, Julio Romero, Roberto Cabanas — Adolfo Canete, Alfredo Mendoza (Jorge Guasch 88th). Coach: Cayetano Re.

Amid the chaos which followed the controversial disallowed goal by

Iraq on the stroke of half time, stood Paraguay's midfield general Julio Romero, who butted the world stage like an accomplished veteran, confirming the prediction of his coach, Cayetano Re, that Romero would prove himself as a world-class performer.

"Romero will show the world his class in this Mundial," said Re, who was beaming with confidence about Paraguay's prospects of reaching the second stage of the finals.

Iraq was expected to be tough and defensive-minded but it went forward from the outset, always looking for elegant goalscorer Hussein Saeed, who Iraq's Brazilian manager Evaristo de Macedo freely compares to flamboyant French superstar Michel Platini.

But Romero gradually as-

sumed control, calming down his nervous team mates with his consummate close control and passing skills.

Romero, who plays for Brazilian side Fluminense, took a pass from Buenaventura Ferreira in the 35th minute and lofted over approaching Iraqi goalkeeper Raad Hammoudi from 12 metres for the decisive goal.

The controversial incident which unsettled the Iraqi team for the rest of the game came when Ahmed Radhi headed in from a corner as referee Sydney Picon blew his whistle for halftime.

Angry Iraqi players surrounded Picon on his way to the dressing room but he stood by his decision to disallow the goal because the half had ended.

De Macedo was fuming after the match claiming that the referee should have allowed the goal.

"He should have blown the whistle before the corner was taken or have let the goal stand as it came straight from the kick," he said.

De Macedo said he was unable to accept that referee Picon was right under the rules to allow the kick to be taken and then immediately blow for halftime.

The Iraqis, clearly rattled by not being awarded a deserved equaliser, failed to sparkle in the second half and Paraguay should have scored twice more.

Immediately after the interval full-back Cesar Zabala hit the post with a rasping 30-metre free-kick and in the 88th minute winger Alfredo Mendoza hit the same post when it

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HUNGARY 0.



● USSR goalscorer Nicolai Larionov jumps a tackled from Hungary's Imre Garaba.

HO HUM, ENGLAND

PORTUGAL 1 (Carlos Manuel 74th) ENGLAND 0, Group F match at Monterrey. Referee: Volker Roth (W. Germany) 9. Attendance: 19,998.

PORTUGAL: Bento 8 — Alvaro Magalhães 7, Oliveira 10, Frederico Rosa 8, Inacio 7, Antonio Andre 7, Diamantino 7 (Jose Antonio 63rd), Sousa 8, Carlos Manuel 9, Pacheco 9 — Gomes 5 (Futre 71st).

ENGLAND: Shilton 7 — Gary Stevens (Everton) 6, Butcher 7, Fenwick 7, Sanson 6 — Hoddle 5, Wilkins 6, Robson 7 (Hodge 80th), Waddle 7 (Beardley 80th) — Lineker 6, Hateley 6.

Ho hum, ho hum, England, as usual, came out with its predictable play of crossing to the heads of Lineker and Hateley, with Robson occasionally backing them up. Accordingly, Portugal played a defence and counter-attack game which worked because of the mighty performance of centre back Oliveira who ruled supreme in the air and also turned away a shot from Lineker — which had beaten goalkeeper Bento and was heading into the net.

Portugal, when attacking, came forward with some slick inter-passing and a couple of one-twos into the box, but before Carlos Manuel scored the winning goal, it didn't really have any clear-cut scoring chances, whereas England had wasted theirs.

But Portugal had fine players in Carlos Manuel, the midfielder leader, backed up by Sousa and Pacheco, and centre

Group C match in Irapuato. Referee Luigi Agnolin (Italy) 9.

USSR: Dasyev 6 — Besenkov 7, Larionov 6, Desnyanenko 6, Aleinikov 9 — Yaremchuk 9, Yakovenko 9

(Vadim Yevtushenko 73rd, Zavarov 8, Kuznetsov 8, Rats 7, Belanov 9 (inj sub Rodionov 70th)).

HUNGARY: Disztel 2 — Salai 2, Roth (Buresz 3, 12th), Kardos 3, Peter 2 (Dajka 63rd) — Kiprich 2, Detari 6, Nagy 2, Garaba 4 — Bognar 2, Esterhazy 5.

Hungary was non-existent and the Soviets gave new meaning to the term "total soccer". They played it more like basketball. Everyone was involved all over the place, with only one man given the luxury of a specialised role up front — Igor Belanov, who was injured and had to be replaced in the second half.

All moves came from deep. Gone was the archaic notion that there must be "target men" forward. If you can play, then play. Don't stand around waiting for the Soviet's mistake.

But the Hungarians gave the Soviets the time and the space to do whatever they liked, in what must have been the worst

From David Lacey and Knut Werner

back Frederico clearing whatever Oliveira missed.

England, on the other hand, had to many men off form. But more to the point, the English simply lacked flair and imagination.

Fernando Gomes, the Portuguese striker who was substituted said:

"We felt we would win and that England had great trouble playing against our system. He defended in order to win."

For England the biggest disappointments were in midfield. Bryan Robson, still wearing a harness to protect his weakened right shoulder, did not look fully match-fit.

Hoddle was the bigger let-down. The Tottenham player sank back into his old frustrating habit of initial promise unfulfilled. Once again he gave the ball away and left England thinly covered at the back.

At this level international football is guerrilla warfare, and Portugal knew far more about the art of the ambush than England, who went into Tuesday's match in parade-ground formation with a tall striker leading the column, a winger stationed on the left and a square back four. To be sure there were moments when Hateley's strength in the air, allied to Lineker's acceleration promised England victory, and Waddle had one of his better games — but these tactics leave too fine a margin for error.

It was assumed, in the light of past experience that Hateley would descend on Portugal's defence like a dark avenging angel but their centre-backs, especially Oliveira, eventually curbed the threat as efficiently

as Algeria's defenders had dealt with Hamilton of Northern Ireland earlier in the day. Hateley, moreover, was by no means the only England player to be let down by poor first touches on the ground.

The significance of Futre's appearance, for the largely ineffective Gomes, was lost in the excitement of Portugal's goal two minutes later. Nevertheless his introduction was well timed to cause the English defenders problems through his willingness to take on tired legs for sheer pace.

This was typical of the canny way in which Jose Torres and his players approached a match they could not have expected to win.

ARGENTINA 3 (Valdano 6th, 47th mins, Ruggeri 18th).

SOUTH KOREA 1 (Park Chang-sun 72nd), Group A match, Mexico City. Referee: Victoriano Sanchez (Spain).

ARGENTINA: Mario Pumpido — Nestor Clausen, Jose Luis Brown, Oscar Ruggeri, Oscar Garre — Ricardo Giusti, Sergio Batista (Julio Olari-cochea 74th min), Jorge Bur-buchaga, Pedro Pasculli (Carlos Tapia 72nd min), Diego Maradona, Jorge Valdano.

SOUTH KOREA: Oh Yun-kyo — Park Kyung-Hoon, Huh Jung-Moo, Cho Min-Kook, Yang Yong-Kwan — Kim Yong-Se (Byun Byung-Joo 46th min), Kim Pyung-Suk (Cho Kwang-Rae 22nd min), Park Chang-Sun, Kim

World Cup performance in history from a mainstream European team. And the Soviets also missed a penalty, taken by Yevtushenko.

European Cup winners' Cup holder Dynamo Kiev provided eight of the Soviets' starting lineup plus the guiding spirit, newly-installed team chief Valery Lobanovsky.

Although missing star forwards Oleg Blokhin and Oleg Protasov who were injured, the Soviets raced to a 2-0 lead after only four minutes.

Danes all class!

DENMARK 1 (Elkjaer 57th) SCOTLAND 0, Group E match in Neza-hualcoyotl. Referee: Lajos Nemeth (Hungary) 7.

DENMARK: Rasmussen 6 — Busk 7, M. Olsen 9, Nielsen 8 — Berggreen 7, Bertelsen 7, Arnesen 9 (inj sub Sivabæk 74th), Lerby 8, J. Olsen 6 (Mikkelsen 75th) — Laur-drup 7, Elkjaer 8.

SCOTLAND: Leighton 6 — Gough 7, McLeish 7, Miller 7, Malpas 7 — Strachan 6 (Bannon 74th), Soumess 8, Aitken 7, Nicol 6 — Sturrock 6 (McA-vennie 60th), Nicholas 7 (inj off 85th).

Denmark, with sweeper Morten Olsen as majestic as Franz Beckenbauer in his prime, strolled through the first half at snail's pace, then decided it was time to play, and with Preben Elkjaer-Larsen and Michael Laudrup doing a little more up front, struck the killer blow in the 57th minute.

There was a touch of class among the Danes, led in mid-field by tireless Frank Arnesen. Their build-up and passing were delightful.

Scotland looked much better

Pavel Yakovenko (2nd minute) and Sergei Aleinikov (4th) gave the Soviets a superb springboard and they never relinquished their grip.

Soviet coach Valery Lobanovsky was delighted.

"The two quick goals allowed us to dictate the game," he said.

They didn't really come back at us. We expected more fight from them."

than England, to be sure, because it played football on the ground, showed a lot more imagination than the English, and had support from Gough and Malpas coming from behind.

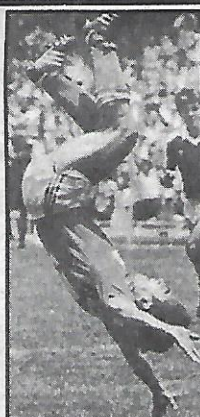
But really, there was a gaping difference in sheer class between the Scots and the Danes, who are known as the "European Brazilians."

And we didn't see the best of them, by any means. Laudrup and Elkjaer were particularly subdued, and surprisingly, Elkjaer's ball control sometimes was found wanting. Perhaps it had something to do with the close attention both he and Laudrup were given by Scottish defenders Willie Miller, Alex McLeish and Roy Aitken.

But manager Alex Ferguson deserves criticism for his team selection. Seeing Morten Olsen's influence out of defence, you had to wonder why Alan Hansen of Liverpool wasn't there to do the same for Scotland.

And why did Eamonn Bannon play deep when he came on when it was obvious that what Scotland needed were more guns up front?

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Sanchez: the man's a saint!

● Hugo Sanchez does a back-flip after scoring against Belgium.

MEXICO 2 (Quirarte 23rd, Sanchez 38th) BELGIUM 1 (Vandenbergh 45th), Group B game in the Azteca. Referee: Carlos Espósito (Arg).

MEXICO: Pablo Larios — Mario Trejo, Fernando Quirarte, Felix Cruz, Raul Servin — Carlos Munoz, Javier Aguirre, Manuel Negrete, Tomas Boy (Miguel Espana 60th min) — Hugo Sanchez, Luis Flores (Francisco Cruz 80th min).

BELGIUM: Jean-Marie Pfaff — Eric Gerets, Franky van der Elst, Hugo Broos, Michel de Wolf — Enzo Scifo, Rene Vandereycken, Frank Vercauteren, Jan Ceulemans — Erwin Vandenbergh (Stephane de Mol 65th min), Philippe Desmet (Nico Claessen 60th min).

Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez, elevated to near-sainthood by millions of his compatriots, met his moment of truth and emerged in a blaze of glory.

Sanchez, top scorer in Spain last season for his club Real Madrid, is idolised in Mexico where the Spanish club's

league and European matches are broadcast on television solely because of him.

Few Mexicans had seen him play in the flesh since his club commitments and injuries ruled him out of most of Mexico's preparatory games. Their chance came against Belgium — and he scored!

"Day for Mexican football," screamed the big sports daily Ovaciones. "If we lose, all hell will break loose."

The giant Aztec stadium, far from full but a cauldron of noise and excitement, saw a rugged battle and a nerve-tugging climax as the Mexicans held off the combative Belgians.

All three goals came from headers in the first half.

Quirarte opened the scoring in the 23rd minute when he outjumped the Belgian defence to bullet a header past goalkeeper Pfaff.

Sanchez expressed his delight by punting the ball into the crowd, a gesture that earned him a yellow card from Argentine referee Carlos Espósito.

Soon afterwards Sanchez had his own goal to celebrate.

In the 38th minute captain Tomas Boy clipped over a corner from the left, striker Luis Flores back-headed and Sanchez was there to nod it home.

The Belgians' goal came on the stroke of half time after full-back Eric Gerets had floated a long throw into the box.

Mexican goalkeeper Pablo Larios failed to hold the ball and Erwin Vandenbergh nipped in to head home.

Maradona mashed, Argentines booed

Joe-Sung — Cha Bum-Kuon, Choi Soon-Ho.

It remains a poignant image 20 years on... a tearful Pele limping out of the 1966 World Cup draped in a rough blanket after being hacked down unmercifully in successive games against Bulgaria and Portugal.

Diego Maradona, generally regarded as the rightful heir to Pele, is already painfully aware that being the "King of Football" makes him the number one target for the sport's hit men.

Even South Korea, which is not the most street-wise of teams, left Maradona flat on his back 10 times in Argentina's opening World Cup game in Mexico City's Olympic Stadium on Monday, June 2.

Maradona took his own personal revenge by laying on all three goals in Argentina's 3-1 victory but there remained the genuine fear he may not survive the 1988 World Cup intact.

Maradona suffered similar abuse in Spain four years ago, particularly at the hands — and feet — of Italian Claudio Gentile. His frustration finally boiled over when he was sent off for a crude kick at innocent Brazilian substitute Batista in Argentina's last game.

Maradona, now 25, is more mature these days, though he can sound endearingly naive when he discusses the protection he expects from referees in Mexico.

"The threat of physical punishment does not keep me awake at nights," he said. "I am positive the standard of refereeing will be far higher this year than it was in 1982."

Argentine soccer writers slammed the national side's disappointing second-half display against South Korea.

"It was not a showing that would leave one with great expectations," Ernesto Muniz of "La Nacion" said.

Muniz said the performance

suggested Argentina was strong in attack but a poorly coordinated team with a shallow defence.

South Korea's skipper Park Chang-Sun spectacularly

scored his country's first ever World Cup goal after 73 minutes and the Koreans newfound determination meant they ended the game as they needed to have begun it.



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A LEADING Middle East club is poised to offer Billy Bingham (pictured) a lucrative contract to become full-time director of coaching after Northern Ireland is eliminated from the World Cup.

El Nasser of Riyadh, the champion of Saudi Arabia, has decided to dismiss its French coach and approach Bingham because it is impressed with his achievements in taking Northern Ireland to the World Cup finals in 1982 and 1986. A London-based agent, acting on behalf of El Nasser, has been given authority to offer Bingham a two-year contract worth \$230,000 a year — an offer the Irish manager may find difficult to refuse as he now earns only \$35,000.

Djame hits back

NORTHERN IRELAND 1 (Whiteside 6th) ALGERIA 1 (Djamel Zidane 58th), Group B game in the Third of March Stadium, Guadalajara. Attendance: 22,000. Referee: Valery Butenko (USSR).

NORTHERN IRELAND — Jennings — Nicholl, Donaghy, O'Neill, McDonald — McCreery, Penney (Stewart 67th min), McIlroy, Worthington — Whiteside (Clarke 80th min), Hamilton.

ALGERIA — Abdellah Medjidi, Fawzi Mansouri, Korichi Bouredine, Mahmoud Guendouz — Mohamed Kaci Said, Assad Salah, Asadhamid Benmbrouk — Djamel Zidane (Lakhdar Belloumi 71st min), Marou Karim, Madjer Rabah (Rachid Hakrouk 33rd min).

Northern Ireland, dominant in the first half, wilted in the blazing sun and allowed Algeria to recover to grab a 1-1 draw.

Both goals came from free kicks just outside the area. Norman Whiteside, declared fit shortly before kickoff, gave the Irish a dream start when his ferocious 20-metre shot was deflected wickedly past Algerian goalkeeper Larbi El Hadi. The goal, plus Ireland's no-nonsense, all-action game clearly flustered the Algerian defence and they could have scored three more times within the first quarter of the game. But one of Guadalajara's hot test days this year began to sap Irish strength after halftime and it was no surprise when Algeria equalised in the 58th minute. Zidane Djamel did the dam-

age, hammering a sweet left-footer past Irish goalkeeper Pat Jennings who was making a record 117th appearance for his country.

By the end, Algeria was clearly on top but both sides appeared happy to settle for the draw.

Algeria surprisingly left out star midfielder Lakhdar Beloumi, preferring the more defensive skills of Marou Karim.

This gamble appeared to have failed completely during the first half as Algeria was totally bereft of attacking ideas. Algeria's best hope seemed to be with Madjer Rabah and it was a cruel blow when the winger had to leave the field after 33 minutes following a nasty clash of heads with Irish full-back Mal Donaghy.

Ironically, Madjer's replacement, Rachid Hakrouk, proved an instant success and twice came close to scoring shortly before the Algerian goal.

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MONARO: Antonopoulos 7 — Tulawa 6, Budini 7, Galletti 7, Titlas 7 — Ambrosino 7 (Pernovic 73rd), Carbone 8 (Ricci 57th), Petkovski 6 (Porter 53rd) — Winn 9, Trajicki Coach: Frank Macdonald.
ST GEORGE: Gelson 8 — Skeen 7, Lampropoulos 7, M. O Shea 7, R. O Shea 7, J. O Shea 7, Orsagh 7, Moffitt 6 (Ricci 57th), Petkovski 6 (Porter 53rd) — Ollershaw 8, Koczka 7, Coach: Frank Macdonald.
Best six for Ametco award: 6 Winn (IM), 5 Ollershaw (SG), 4 Budini (IM), 3 Gibson (SG), 2 Carbone (IM), 1 Antonopoulos (IM).
MARCONI 1 (Tredinnick 39th) APIA 2 (Bertogna pen 46th, Parson 84th) at Marconi Stadium, Crowd: 3046. Referee: Rob Davies 5.
MARCONI: James 7, Carter 6, Wheatley 6, Sterrey 5, Rizzotto 6 (Henderson 8th) — Mason 7, Gray 5 (Tredinnick 39th), Janin 5 (El Al 65th) — Brown 5, Lowe 7, Coach: Les Schell.
APIA: Pezzano 7 — Steven 6, Bertogna 7, Brown 6, Bozanic 6 — Lorens 5, Bundalo 6, Stewart 6 — Koussas 5, Morsello 5, Parson 7, Coach: Rale Rasi.
Best players for the Ametco Player of the Year award: 6 Tredinnick (IM), 5 Bertogna (A), 4 Lowe (IM), 3 Parson (A), 2 Mason (IM), 2 Pezzano (A).
BLACKTOWN CITY 0 CROATIA 2 (64th Arnold, 83rd Ozakov pen.) at the Gabbie Stadium, Crowd: 3316. Referee: Gary Power 10.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Curtis 8 — Willis 6, Sandy 7, Ainsworth 7, Denyer 8 — Byrne 5, Bradley 7, Knight 8 — Slater 9, Carroll 7, Thornwaite 6 (69th Kay) Coach: Casey De Vedran.
CROATIA: Watson 7 — Savor 8, M. Kovacic 8, Rozic 7, Jennings 5 — Clinch 8, Ozakov 8, Arnold 8, Rumora 5 (46th Rezo 7) — Junn 8, Lamond 7 (83rd Dragicevic) Coach: Vedran Rozic.
Best players for the Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Slater (B), 5 M Kovacic (C), 4 Ozakov (C), 3 Knight (B), 2 Arnold (C), 1 Denyer (B).
CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE 1 (Radman 70th) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 3 (Ingham 34th, Cavanah 42nd, Jones 58th) at Arlington Oval, Crowd: 1271.
CANTERBURY: Barker 5 — Karaspyros 5, Radman 6, Hanioas 6, Hantzis 6 — Zaim 6, Zilic 6, Godzik 7 — Pettas 5 (Philpott 51st), Borges 6, Thannidis 7 (Sivnos 78th) Coach: Dom Kapetanios.
NEWCASTLE: Gosling 7 — Milosevic 6, Owens 6, Bannon 6, Garland 6 — Maier 6, Crabtree 7, Cavanah 6 — Neumoves 6, Ingham 7, Coach: Peter Irving.
Best six for Ametco Travel award: 5 Ingham (N), 5 Thannidis (C), 4 Crabtree (N), Godzik (C), Gosling (N), Jones (N).
SYDNEY CITY 10 (Gomez 55th) CANBERRA OLYMPIANS 1 (Palacios 64th) at the Sydney Athletic Field, Crowd: 1027.

NSL DETAILS

HAKOAH: McPherson 6 — Gomez 6, O Connor 7, Robertson 6, de Manigny 6 — Watson 6, Barnes 7 — Saad 7, Ohana 6, Kosmina 7, Farina 7, Coach: Eddie Thomson.
CANBERRA: Franken 7 — Byrne 6, Burke 6, Bryant 7, Hamilton 6, Sermann 7, Dunn 6, Mihailidis 5 (Cant 60th) — Phillips 5, Palacios 8, Juna 5 (Gibson 72th) Player-Coach: Steve Bryant.
Top six: 6 Palacios (C), 5 Farina 4, Saad 3, Kosmina (H), 2 Franken 1, Bryant (C).
WOLLONGONG 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Coady 53rd) at Wollongong Showground, Crowd: 6130.
WOLLONGONG: Young 6 — Green 6 (Fleming 46th), Vlastara 8, Chabry 7, Morlando 7 — Cokely 6, Kotamandis 5, Murray 5 (Brown 75th), Stevanovski 8 — Batten 5, Bordink 5, Coach: John Fleming.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8 — Rogers 7, Dakos 7, Coady 8, Stanikovic 7 — Johnston 6, Taskopoulos 8, Phillips 7 — Patalis 7, Soper 7, Kalantzis 7 (Estavillo 8th) Coach: Manfred Schaefer.
Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Coady (SO), 5 Raskopoulos (SO), 4 Vlastara (W), 3 Stevanovski (W), 2 Meier (SO), 1 Phillips (SO).
SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 BRISBANE CITY 0 at Middle Park, Crowd: about 1500.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: 6 — Russell 5, McDowall 5, Blair 7, Postecoglou 7 — Halford 4 (Andriots 4, half time), Miranda 4, Murphy 4, Craine 8 — Davidson 4, Egan 4, Coach: John Margaritis.
BRISBANE CITY: Harrison 8 — Hogg (in), sub Bromfield 6, 28th, Perry 6, Mengotti 6, Card 7 — Fabrizio 4, White 7, Lettieri 4, Catalano 55th, Hamilton 4 — Cooper 6, Reis 5, Coach: Billy Wilkinson.
Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Craine (SMH), 5 Mengotti (BC), 4 Harrison (BC), 3 Blair (SMH), 2 Postecoglou (SMH), 1 White (BC).
FOOTSCRAY JUST 2 (Lujic 5th, Latif 72nd) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Wade 74th) at Schintler Reserve, Crowd: 6134.
FOOTSCRAY JUST: Nikotic 7 — R. Barjaktarevic 6, Vukovic 7, Karic 7, Belic 6 (Petrovski 68th) — Curovic 7, Tapa 7, Bozovic 6, Stosic 7 — Latif 6, Lujic 9 (Sme 84th) Coach: Dragoslav Sekulac.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Banovic 6 — Lewis 6 (sent off 58th), Brown 6, Vandenboom 6, Campbell 6 — Palatides 7, Dowie (in), Durakovic 23rd, 6, Wade 7, Cullen 9 — Sweeney 6, Patterson 6, Coach: Len McKendry.
Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Cullen (B), 5 Lujic

(F), 4 Wade (F), 3 Stosic (F), 2 Palatides (B), 1 Curovic (F).
MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Biskic 13th SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Markovski 66th) at Olympic Park No. 1, Crowd: about 1000.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje 6 — Desankovic 6, McIntosh 6, Curcio 6, Hanan 6 (ing Edmond 69th) — Biskic, Bonacic 8 (Cristaldo 80th), J. Campbell 5, Geyic 7 — Markovic 6, Paul Lewis 7, Coach: Terry Hennessy.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 7 — James 6, Parson 6, Richardson 6, Campbell 6 — Faulkner 6, MacLaren 6, Bain 6, Lennon 6, Gilder 7, Mitten 5 (Markovski 58th) Coach: John Gardner.
Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Bonacic (MC), 5 Paul Lewis (MC), 4 Kastner (SGC), 3 Geyic (MC), 2 Gilder (SGC), 1 Biskic (MC).
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Villani 27th and 36th, Mullen 18th) ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Ward 59th) at Olympic Sports Field, Crowd: 4300.
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: Nisic 8 — Higgins 7, Nyskohus 8, Flounders 7, Tobin 8 — Santrac 8, Meila 8, Villani 9, Vidmar 7 (Wilde 72nd) — Maxwell 7, Mullen 8, Coach: Zoran Matijevic.
ADELAIDE HELLAS: M. Crook 7 — Brown 7, Dunn 7, Yankos 7, S. Ott 8 — Honeyman 7, Panagis 6, Hristodoulou 7, Price 6 (Manou 57th) — Ward 8, Konstantopoulos 9, Coach: Edmund Krell.
Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Villani (J), 5 Mullen (J), 4 Meila (J), 3 Konstantopoulos (H), 2 Santrac (J), 1 Ward (H).
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Spink 43rd) PRESTON MAKE DONIA 1 (Spink 43rd) at Olympic Village, Crowd: 4300.
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 7 — McKie 7, Hunter 8, Selemidis, Katsakidis 7 — Kanasoulis 5 (Marley 76th), Valentine 6, Tsolakis 6 — Wilson 6, Lucchesi 6, Brown 6, Coach: Brian Garvey.
PRESTON MAKE DONIA: Triandides 7 — McLennan 6, Dobson 8, Opasius 7, Ilioski 7 (Smith 76th) — Petrov 7, Cole 7, Heys 7 — Necovski 6, Spink 8, Lane 7, Coach: Bill Murray.
Best six for Ametco Travel Best Player award: 6 Dobson (MAK), 5 Hunter (HA), 4 Spink (MAK), 3 Heys (MAK), 2 McKie (HA), 1 Cole (MAK).
BRISBANE LIONS 3 (Morton pen, 13th, Ogden 27th, R. Stewart 43rd) GREEN GULLY 0 at Richlands, Crowd: 1672.
LIONS: Farrow 7 — Bassingthwaite 6, Liddell 7, Armit 6, Jackson 8 — R. Stewart 7 (Mulvey 56th), J. Stewart 7, Ogden 8, Low 6 — Wright 6, Morton 7, Coach: Col Bennett.
GREEN GULLY: Denus 7 — Vizzini 4 (Kadrick half-time), Theodosopoulos 6, Cannell 7, Hoggins 6 — Fraser 6, Douglas 5, Barichello 7, McLelland 6 — Cumming 5, Campbell 6 (Koca 72nd) Coach: George Murray.
Best six for Ametco Travel Best Player award: 6 Jackson (BL), 6 Ogden (BL), 4 Liddell (BL), 3 Cannell (GG), 2 Morton (BL), 1 J. Stewart (BL).

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NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	4	5	1	19	9	13
SYDNEY CROATIA	5	2	2	15	8	12
WOLLONGONG	5	2	2	11	6	12
MARCONI	4	2	3	15	12	10
BLACKTOWN	4	2	3	11	12	10
Sydney City Hakoah	2	5	2	14	12	9
St. George Budapest	3	3	3	11	10	9
Newcastle-Rosebud	2	5	2	12	13	9
APIA-Leichhardt	3	2	4	10	13	8
Canberra Olympians	2	3	4	9	11	7
Canterbury-Marrville	2	2	5	11	17	6
Inter-Monaro	1	1	7	6	22	3

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FOOTSCRAY JUST	7	1	1	16	14	15
B'WICK JUVENTUS	5	2	2	17	4	12
ADEL CITY JUVENTUS	4	4	1	17	9	12
PRESTON MAKE DONIA	4	3	2	12	6	11
GEORGE CROSS	3	5	1	10	7	11
5th Melb Hellas	4	1	4	9	9	9
Brisbane Lions	3	2	4	11	9	8
H'berg-Alexander	2	4	3	9	12	8
Adelaide Hellas	3	0	6	9	14	6
Brisbane City	1	4	4	9	21	6
Green Gully	1	3	5	7	13	5
Melbourne Croatia	1	3	5	4	12	5

This week's games

Weekend NSL matches, with likely winners in capitals:
SOUTHERN DIVISION
Saturday
Heidelberg-Alexander v Brisbane Lions (draw) at Olympic Park No. 2, 3 pm.
Green Gully v ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS at Green Gully Reserve, 3 pm.
Adelaide Hellas v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Hindmarsh Stadium, 3 pm.
Brisbane City v MELBOURNE CROATIA at Spencer Park, 3 pm.
Preston Makedonia v Sunshine-George Cross (draw) at Concor Reserve, 3 pm.
NORTHERN DIVISION
Saturday
NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD v Inter-Monaro, Adamstown Oval, 2.30 pm.
Sunday
Canberra Olympians v Wollongong (draw) at Bruce Stadium, 3 pm.
Sydney Olympic v MARCONI at Pratten Park, 3 pm.
APIA-LEICHHARDT v Blacktown at Lambert Park, 3 pm.
SYDNEY CROATIA v Canterbury-Marrickville, Croatian Sports Centre, 3 pm.
Sydney City Hakoah v St. George Budapest (draw) at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm.

AMETCO AWARD

● Ametco Travel will award to the best player of the NSL a trip to Europe, flying Thai International.
Leading votegetters:
30—Dobson (MAK)
26—Wheatley (Mar), Franken (Can)
25—Bertogna (APIA)
24—Arnold (S.Cr), Gosling (NR), Slater (B), Postecoglou (SMH)
23—Wade (B Juve)
22—Lowe (Mar), Honeyman (AH), Fraser (GG), Stosic (JUST)
21—Selemidis (H)
20—Odzakov (S.Cr), Estavillo (SO)
19—Raskopoulos (SO), Tapal (JUST)
18—Palatides (B), Flounders (AC-Juve), McIntosh (M.Cr), D. Hunter (BL), Karic (JUST)
17—Carbone (IM), Craine (SMH), Mullen (AC-Juve), A. Hunter (H), Mengotti (BC)
16—P. Tredinnick (Mar), Vlastara (W), Winn (IM), Thannidis (C), Hantzis (C), Dowie (B.Juve), Patterson (B.Juve), Ogden (BL)
15—Rozic (S.Cr), Kosmina, DeMarigny (SC-Hak), Murray (W), Knight (B), Kastner (S.Cr), Jackson (BL), Lujic (JUST)
14—Ingham (NR), Cavanah (NR), Gomez (SC-Hak), Budini (IM), Zilic (C), Cooper (BC), Scott (AH), Cumming (GG)



● Mitre Sports, the company which for so long has supported Australian soccer, now has cemented its association with "Soccer Action" by sponsoring the 1986 NSL Top Scorer award.
The winner receives a magnificent trophy and a complete equipment kit. Included in the kit is a tracksuit, Mitre multiplex ball, shin guards, etc.
So this year's top scorer will be next year's best prepared player thanks to Mitre. The value of the prize is \$500.

- 7. Kosmina (SC-Hak)
- 5. Maxwell, Villani (AC-Juve), Lewis (M.Cr), Latif (JUST)
- 4. Arnold (S.Cr), Mullen (AC-Juve), Jones (NR), Cooper (BC), Brown, Lowe (Mar), Rivero (W), Carroll (B), Kalantzis, Johnson (SO), Craine (SMH), Zinni, Wade (B.Juve), Smith, Lane (Hak)

Team of the week

COADY (1) (Syd Olympic)		DOBSON (3) (Makedonia)		JACKSON (1) (Brisb Lions)	
VILLANI (1) (AC-Juventus)		PALACIOS (1) (Canberra)		BONACIC (1) (Melb Croatia)	
SLATER (3) (Blacktown)		WINN (2) (Inter-Monaro)		LUJIC (2) (Footscray)	

Villani, Melta and Mullen hit form

Man of the match:
CHARLEY VILLANI
(AC-Juventus)

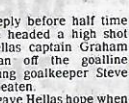
AC Juventus 3 Adelaide Hellas 1
Scorers: ACJ: Villani 27th & 36th, Mullen 18th; AH: Ward 58th.
Venue: Olympic Sports Field.
Referee: Jim Rossis 8.
Adelaide City Juventus stayed on course for a place in next year's National League revamped 14-team format with this great derby triumph.
With Charley Villani, Joe Mullen and Sergio Melta in irreplaceable form, Juventus ran up a seemingly unassailable three-goal lead by half time.
And when those three players hit their collective straps it spells trouble for any team.
However, Hellas redeemed its reputation in the second half when Gary Ward pulled one back and it would have produced a super game had it taken its chances and managed to equalise.
But as it was Ward's goal was something special as it became the 300th league goal scored by Hellas since 1977.
Edmund Krell, former Juventus supremo and now Hellas coach, complained after the game that the first Juventus goal was offside.
"They had the best of the refereeing decisions and the best of the luck, but we had 60



● Charley Villani (right) scores the first of his two goals against Martyn Crook last Sunday. Adelaide City Juventus beat Adelaide Hellas 3-1 at Olympic Sports Field. Picture: FRANK HOBBS.

Allan Crisp

percent of the play in the second half," Krell said.
Mella and Villani set the scene for the home team's win when in the 16th minute they combined to present a chance for Steve Maxwell, but the Socceroo squad member blazed over the crossbar under pressure from the Hellas defence.
Juventus broke through two minutes later when Mullen collected a Villani cross to beat Martyn Crook in the Hellas goal.
Villani made it 2-0 when he headed home a left wing cross from Mullen after Crook had parried a fierce drive from defender Gary Higgins.
Goal three for Juventus came in the 36th minute when Mullen had rounded Yankos and relayed to Villani, who beat Alan Scott before coolly slotting home.
Aurelio Vidmar prevented a



Point lifts City off the bottom



SM-Hellas 0 Brish City 0
Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: about 1500.
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 8.

Brisbane City played a desperate defensive game to hold South Melbourne Hellas to a scoreless draw on Monday.

The result lifted Brisbane City off the bottom of the Southern Division ladder.

Brisbane City stayed overnight after arriving in Melbourne on Sunday accidentally off-loaded from its plane in Sydney.

It was a boring match for the spectators, with little time for team work shown at either end. Many of the players looked like they had stayed up all night to watch the World Cup on television.

Brisbane City was disadvantaged in the 25th minute when fullback Steve Hogg was injured and had to be replaced by Gary Bromfield.

Goalkeeper Rob Harrison, formerly with Victorian State League team Box Hill, made an impressive return to Melbourne, and his keeping prevented Brisbane City from falling behind.

Frank Mengotti also excelled in Brisbane City's defence.

Laurie Schwab

Man of the match:
DANNY CRAINE
(SM-Hellas)

Hellas started with Socceroo fullback Alan Davidson in attack but coach John Margaritis reshuffled his line-up after half-time, bringing Davidson back into defence and replacing midfielder Carl Halford with striker Chris Andriots to add punch to the attack.

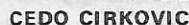
Hellas defender Steve Blair headed the ball into the net just before half-time but the goal was disallowed because Charlie Egan was offside.

Brisbane City should have taken the lead in the 60th minute when Alan Reis broke clear and passed to Kieran Cooper whose shot hit the crossbar.

Four minute later, Danny Craine, Hellas's best player, threatened the goal with an excellent free kick but Harrison stretched and deflected the ball with his fingertips.

Reis and substitute Alfie Catalano conjured up a last minute attack for Brisbane City but it ended with George Caird shooting wide.

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10. Moffitt (St.G), Lamond (S.Cr)



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Matic: Northcote Australia's best midfielder

"Of course we're aiming for the top five," says Adelaide City Juventus coach Zoran Matic. "But our first priority is survival. Our club must be in the National League in 1987."

Injuries haven't helped Matic in his quest to ensure that this proud South Australian club, a founder member of the NSL, maintains its status in Australian soccer's premier club competition yet Matic is an astute operator and he's bound to get the best out of his players.

Certainly, he has players of quality at his disposal but losing Brian Northcote through injury early in the season was a major blow.

"Northcote is the best midfielder in this country as far as I'm concerned," said Matic.

"If I was coaching another club and I wanted to buy a player, he's the one I'd go for. He's fast, he's got a great shot in either foot, he reads the game superbly and he's got tremendous vision and disposal. He's got everything that a modern-day player needs."

Caruso: the key is entertainment

"We (the administrators) have made hiring and firing coaches a joke. If results are bad it's the coach that gets blamed. He's the guy that gets sacked but sometimes it's our fault."

That's Adelaide Juventus president Charlie Caruso speaking.

He admits that with teams striving to finish in the first seven in both divisions this season in order to participate in next year's planned 14-team competition, results are of paramount importance.

But Caruso wants to see clubs concentrating on entertainment rather than results next season.

"Once the league stabilises we (the clubs) have to start giving people something worth watching," said Caruso. "I think that the National League has a viable future but we need much more stable management at some clubs and all of us need direction in how to go about promoting the game."

"If we all sit back and do nothing about promotion we'll get nowhere. Clubs have to ensure that they play entertain-

ing soccer so that they'll have something to sell to the public."

Caruso is in his second term as Juventus president. His first term lasted nine years — from 1972 to 1980 — and this current term started at the end of 1983.

He's confident about Juventus's future.

"We've got great backing now and it's wonderful to see people getting behind the club again."

"Sure, 1986 is an important year with the 14-team league planned next year but remember that we entered a 14-team National League in 1987 and proved that we can compete at that level so I'm not worried about how we'll go next year."

"We've got probably one of the best junior set-ups in Australian soccer and we've proven that you can develop local talent to a level that makes you competitive in the National League."

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Let's have a look at how Matic views the other players in his first team squad:

Goalkeepers

WILLIE McNALLY: "A great clubman. He's a really hard worker. He's not flashy but he's effective."

STEVE NISCOLI: "He's just a boy and sure, he has a lot to learn but his handling is good, his reflexes are good, his throwing out is good and he picks out players quickly."

Defenders

PAUL SHILLABEER: "He has to improve his skills but the material is there. He can become a good player. He's very good in the air."

GARY HIGGINS: "He should have joined Adelaide City Juventus six years ago. He adapting to our style. He's been used to playing the ball long but now he's getting used to playing it short."

ALEX TOBIN: "A very, very skilful player but not ruthless enough. He must get aggressive, he must become a lot tougher."

NEVILLE FLOUNDERS: "A really tough stopper, in fact he's one of the best stoppers in the National League but he has to learn to keep his head, to cool his temper and maintain his concentration."

BUGSY NYSKOHUS: "I wish he was 10 years younger. If I could get another 10 years from him I'd be a very, very happy man. He's a tremendous player."

Midfielders

ADRIN SANTRAC: "He's got a good shot and he's a free kick specialist. The one fault in his game is that he tries to be too stylish, too elaborate in what he tries to do with the ball. He must learn to play it simpler."

AURELIO VIDMAR: "This kid's got his head screwed on properly. He's only 19 but what potential he's got. He wants to improve so much and he's prepared to listen. I've seen him improve almost every day I've been at the club."

SERGIO MELTA: "A hard runner, good ball skills and a good clubman. He's got a good shot in either foot."

PAUL WILDE: "A good left foot, good in the air and reasonably skilful. He's been an asset to us."

Forwards

CHARLIE VILLANI: "When he's prepared to play then you get to watch a player who's got it all. He could do it every week. It's just a matter of attitude."

JOE MULLEN: "He's playing a lot better this year according to everyone around the club. He's working very hard and getting the rewards. He's good in the air, he's sharp and he's got a really good turn."

STEVE MAXWELL: "He started off brilliantly this year then hit a slump but I can see at training that he's getting it back together again. His speed and his shooting power are his main assets and don't forget that he's still young. He will improve even further."

COLIN MILLER: "He's quick but he needs to put in a bit more work on his skills. He also needs to slow down a bit. He wants to do everything at 100 miles an hour but at least he's keen and he wants to improve."

Matic's vision of Juventus's future is of a successful team that plays entertaining, continental-style soccer. He's not just aiming to put the ball in the back of the opposition net. He's also aiming to put fans back on the terraces.

"We must try and play as much for the people as to score goals. At the moment, we've lost a bit of our momentum but that's only due to injuries. Once I've got most of the players available and we can field a fairly settled line-up I think you'll see something worth watching."



● Back row: Paul Wilde, Aurelio Vidmar, Adrian Santrac
Front row: Neville Flounders, Buggy Nyskohus

REMAINING

HOME: Round 11, June 22: v Brunswick Juve
Round 13, July 6: v Brisbane Lions; Round 14: July
Preston Makedonia; Round 16, August 3 v Melbourne Croatia; Round 18, August 17: v Brisbane City; Round 20, August 31: v Green Gully; Round 22, September v Heidelberg Alexander.



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Steve Niscoli, Gary Higgins, Charlie Villani, Steve Maxwell, Chris Miller.
oe Mullen, Sergio Melta, Alex Tobin. Picture: FRANK HOBBS.

LEAGUE GAMES

us; AWAY: Round 10, June 15: v Green Gully; Round 12,
3: v June 29 v Footscray JUST: Round 15, July 20: v South
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ind George Cross; Round 19, August 24: v Adelaide Hellas;
14: Round 21, September 7: v Brunswick Juventus.

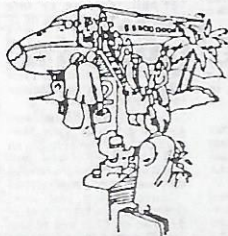
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Maccarone: 'We've turned the corner'



Peter Windsor

Man of the match:
STEVE WINN
(Monaro)

Inter-Monaro 2 St. George 1

Goals: Carbone 33rd, Win 79th (M), Koczka (St.G).
Crowd: 501
Cautions: Perinovic and Budini, yellow cards.
Referee: D Montverde 7.

Inter-Monaro, bottom-of-the-ladder and total underdog, ended St George's six-match unbeaten run in posting its first win of the season.

And Monaro's hero was strong u-Heidelberg striker, Steve Winn.

Winn laid on Monaro's first goal and got the match-winner just 11 minutes from the final whistle.

Ecstatic Monaro coach, Frank Maccarone, paid tribute to his charges: "Team effort, a total team performance."

"The lads are now believing in themselves. I believe we have turned the corner."

And by that Maccarone meant that after seven consecutive defeats Monaro now has a win and draw from its past two outings.

There was no doubting that they deserved the victory — although until Winn's match-winning, St George was applying tremendous pressure.

Monaro was inspired by a brilliant three minute half spell.

Big centre-back Ricki Budini's 30th minute, 23 metre free-kick beat the defensive wall and only an acrobatic, full-length one-handed save from Gibson prevented the goal.

Then Winn did brilliantly to back-head a long clearance — a back header that split St. George's defence like a knife through butter.

The ball bobbed to the unmarked Attilio Carbone who hammered it into the roof of the net.

But full marks St George for a superb breakthrough move. It was Ollenschaw who burst through and his shot from just outside the penalty area deserved a goal — but finished up rattling the crossbar with Antonopoulos beaten.

St George deserved their 67th minute equaliser. It came from a goal-mouth scramble. Antonopoulos had done well to smother a hard ground shot from Ollenschaw but it was lifted to the unmarked Koczka and his header found the roof of the net.

Maccarone then made his substitutions of Marko Perinovic and Frank D'Addario for Angelo Ambrosino and Ian Wotherspoon — both in the 73rd minute.

Just four minutes after those changes came Monaro's match-winner.

This time it was Carbone who supplied Winn with the all-important ball.

Carbone thumped a high centre into the middle of the packed goalmouth, and big Steve Winn rose above the pack to nod the ball down and into the left hand corner of the net.

They've lost their bite

Man of the match:
AUGUSTO PALACIOS
(Canberra)

SC-Hakoah 1 Canberra 1

Scorers: Gomez (SCH) 55th, Palacios (64th).
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.
Cautions: Cant and Dunne (both Canberra).

Has Hakoah lost the killer instinct which netted it so many trophies over the past three decades?

Certainly, the illustrious club's coach, Eddie Thomson, thinks so — and blames himself for the problem.

"With the refereeing so inconsistent this year and the yellow cards flashing whenever a player mistimes his tackle, I cautioned the boys to be careful some weeks ago," he said after the Blues dropped yet another point, this time against Canberra.

"This has taken a lot of the bite out of our play."

There could have been no "better" example of Thomson's words than the defensive mess which led to the visitors' equaliser just nine minutes after Hakoah hit the front.

And to add insult to injury, it was former Hakoah defender Jim Cant who did the damage, shifting his way through three rather lame tackles before laying it on to South American import Augusto Palacios.

The veteran striker strode into the clear and blasted a 20 metre drive into the bottom corner of Alex McPherson's net.

This cancelled out the 55th minute effort which first saw Barnes swing the ball across field for Watson to set for a low, hard drive from the right wing.

Kosmina had two bites at the cherry, with Franken and ill fortune telling him both times, but Gomez was in the right place at the right time to make it third time lucky.

Israeli World Cup star Eli Ohana had a quiet debut, showing so very little touches, but obviously is in need of settling into the Hakoah scheme of things for the remainder of his six week guest stint.

What Thomson most needs, by his own admission, is a skilful midfielder with vision and distributive ability to supplement his present contingent.

His offer to APFA for Tommy McCulloch's contract has risen to \$22,000 — just \$2000 short of the asking price.

In the meantime Hakoah fans join stopper Steve O'Connor in wondering if the team will qualify for the record books with the most number of drawn games in a single season.

The one against Canberra was Hakoah's fifth in nine matches this year!

JUST not so smooth

Man of the match:
ROB CULLEN
(B. Juventus)



Craig MacKenzie

Foot. JUST 2 B. Juventus 1

Scorers: Lujic 5th, Latif 72nd (FJ); Wade 74th (BJ).
Venue: Schindler Reserve.
Cautions: R Barakovic, Petrovski, Nikitovic (FJ); Durakovic, Lewis, Yzendoorn (BJ).
Sent off: Lewis 58th (BJ).
Referee: Don Campbell (Adelaide) 9.

This was not the free-flowing, stylish Footscray JUST which has won the

heads (and hearts) of some soccer scribes this season. Nevertheless, this win over 1985 national champion Brunswick Juventus confirms JUST's standing among the finest clubs in the country.

And what a feat that is. JUST, seemingly doomed to struggle in the National League year in, year out, now has a side that can hold its own with any opponent.

Not only can JUST play, but it can be hard too. Ask Juventus midfielder Joe Palatsides who spent almost as much time on his back as he did standing up, thanks to a series of trips and shoves. Yes, JUST coach Dragoslav Sekularac has summed up Australian soccer pretty well, so well in fact, that JUST no longer can be kicked off its stride.

Yakka Banovic wore a face mask to protect the nose he broke against Heidelberg in the last league round and the mask probably hid his embarrassment at being beaten at the near post by a Zdravko Lujic drive in the 5th minute. Lujic



• Rob Cullen (left) of Brunswick Juventus shows his characteristic determination as he challenges for the ball with Ernie Tappi of Footscray JUST. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

had raced clear after Peter Lewis missed the ball completely.

In the 23rd minute, Juventus midfielder John Dowie limped off. On came Mehmet Durakovic who was used as a wide-midfielder with Rob Cullen moving inside to assume a central midfield role.

Joe Sweeney, whose first touch let him down at vital moments, headed wide in the 43rd minute following a chip from Paul Wade and six minutes into the second half, a fine Sweeney cross from the right was headed straight at Zoran Nikitovic by Scott Patterson.

Shortly after, Peter Lewis was booked by South Australian referee Don Campbell and in the 58th minute Lujic lay on the ground clutching his face. Lewis was close by. Campbell consulted his linesman then ran up to Lewis and sent him off.

Down to 10 men, Juventus reorganised. John Yzendoorn pushed up into midfield which didn't leave Juventus sparse at the back for Sekularac obviously had decided that his men would hang back in the second half then try and break quickly and exploit Lujic's pace.

Cullen and Wade took over in midfield and they propelled Juventus forward time and again. JUST was pinned inside its defensive half for long spells.

Then JUST, on the break, seemingly took the pressure off itself in the 72nd minute.

Suleiman Curovic played the ball to Lujic who stepped over it, letting it run past his opponent, then spun around and charged toward goal. He cut the ball back to the incoming Ossie Latif at the near post and his first timer gave Banovic no chance.

Two minutes later Juventus hit back. Cullen's far post cross from the right was headed back by Brian Brown and Wade headed into the roof of the net.

Three minutes were left with JUST soaking up the Juventus pressure when Patterson slipped the ball to Sweeney inside the JUST area. Sweeney didn't control it cleanly and Nikitovic was able to come off his line, dive down and grab the ball.

A great chance of a deserved equaliser had been blown.



• Not a pretty sight Yakka, my son. Yakka Banovic is wearing a face mask to protect his broken nose. Eddie Campbell is wearing a scowl in the background.

Rosebuds love to travel



Mike Mikolajczyk

Man of the match:
SEAN INGHAM
(Newcastle)

Canterbury 1 Newc Rosebud 3

Scorers: Ingham 34th, Cavanah 42nd, Jones 58th, Radman 70th.
At Arlington Oval.
Crowd: 1271.
Cautions: Karaspyros, Radman, Hanioles, Barker.
Referee: Arthur Owens.

The Novocastrians are unbeaten in six away games, notching two wins and four draws. They haven't managed a win at home yet and on this form they would be content to play all their games away.

As expected the home side started off with plenty of vigor and ambition. They put the visitors under pressure by playing some attractive free flowing football.

Newcastle did well to keep the Berries goalless and then sprang a big surprise by scoring an opportunist goal in the 34th minute. John Cavanah's long throw found Sean Ingham completely unattended and the ginger-haired

striker had plenty of time to control an awkward bounce before slotting the ball under the goalkeeper.

Stunned by the goal, the Berries hit back but could not penetrate the Newcastle defence. Instead it was Newcastle that managed to find the net in the 42nd minute, be it in rather bizarre circumstances.

Sensing Canterbury's indecisiveness in the middle of the defence, Newcastle's flankman Bobby Naumov curled a delightful corner into goal. Canterbury keeper Ian Barker stretched to punch the ball ahead of John Cavanah. It hit the airborne midfielder on the back of the head and lobbed into the far corner.

Canterbury started the second half bent on redressing the imbalance. They used their considerable skills and knowledge of the bumpy terrain to put Newcastle under pressure.

In the 56th minute they looked like pegging one back. Chris Thamiadis slalomd his way through the visitors' defence and played a one-two with John Pettas which scattered the defenders, leaving Burin Zaimi an open goal. The

shot was high and wide, indicative of Canterbury's failure in front of goal.

Chances have to be put away and barely two minutes later Newcastle's Mark Jones created and converted one out of nothing. Jones made a positive decision to have a shot from an acute angle to the goal. The shot was well hit and beat the goalkeeper at his near post.

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Marconi 1 APIA 2

At Marconi Stadium.
Crowd: 3046.
Referee: Rob Davies 5.
Cautions: Stewart, Parison (A), Rizzotto (M).
Goals: Tredinnick 39th, Bertogna pen 46th, Parison 84th.

Some 3000 spectators at Marconi Stadium watched in disbelief as foul after foul rained upon the game between Marconi and APIA with the visitors beating the home team into submission with the only decent move of the game and a super shot by 17 year old Tony Parison. In the words of APIA coach Rale Rasic it was an "unbelievable goal" and a credit to this youngster as well as his coach for slotting him into the firing line ahead of a player like Vince Colaguri.

Parison took the ball 30 metres before unleashing a mighty shot which flashed past Bruce James and cleaned out the cobwebs in the top left hand corner of the Marconi net.

It was unfortunate that most of what happened before this goal was best suited to a gladiatorial era. Private was broke out all over the ground with Parison and Rizzotto, Mason and Bundalo, Carter and Stewart dishing it out to one another.

And while some of the fiercest tackling went on with at

Alex Vesic



least one free kick per minute awarded, referee Bob Davies of Newcastle hid his colored cards.

He managed to find his card towards the end of the match but by then a number of regular supporters of the local team had had enough and had started their move towards the exit.

I know that points are important this season and that most clubs would go to any lengths to stay in the National League but if this is the kind of stuff the NSL will dish up next year I would prefer to watch State League soccer.

And while I believe that the referee was at fault for not acting a little earlier to stop rough play, I think that the opposing coaches must take part of the blame. Rasic and Les Scheinflug, ardent admirers of skilful football, stood in awe as their players took up the cudgel all around the park. Yet I did not see either coach get up and admonish his players for over-the-ball tackling or late tackling or shirt pulling or elbowing or.

Amidst all the ugly incidents and constant whistle blowing an attempt was made on a few occasions to provide entertainment for spectators.

The first real break came APIA's way with Tony Morosello sending Arno Bertogna on a quick counter attack. Bertogna found Parison who shot but James made a superb save.

Marconi's first real burst came with a scrappy goal in the 39th. Ian Gray won possession 30 metres from goal then sent David Lowe into the penalty area with a quick through

Man of the match:
PETER TREDINNICK
(Marconi)

ball. Lowe ran to the back line then cut the ball back for Mason who failed to connect properly but the bounce of the ball favored Peter Tredinnick and he scored from close range.

Vic Bozanic charged forward in the 46th to play a one-two with Mark Koussas and race into the area vying for the ball with Lee Sterrey. Bozanic fired, the referee had no hesitation in awarding a penalty which was converted by Bertogna.

A few minutes later Paul Carter missed from four metres after a chip by Craig Mason was missed by Tom Steven, then Adrian Janin missed a sitter at the far post. His header sailed across goal and just wide of the upright.

The woodwork saved Tony Pezzano in the 70th before Gray was impeded by Steven close to the line. Marconi's plea for a penalty fell on deaf ears. In fairness to the referee he was not well positioned but in my view it clearly was a penalty.

Cesaldo El'Al at long last fronted for Marconi, replacing Janin late in the game. He showed a lot of speed and close ball control and almost crowned a debut with a fine goal. A low cross in the last minute of the match was turned past the post by the flying El'Al.

APIA paraded its second push impact. Edward Lorrans — who showed some nice touches but looks a bit short of

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Air Malta player of the year award

Leading votegetters:

- 13 — Woods (U)
- 12 — Nastevski (RI)
- 11 — Farrugia (ME)
- 10 — Peil (FM)
- 9 — Watt (F)
- 8 — Filipovic, Dries, Watson, Talevski
- 7 — Genc, Blazic, Campbell, J. Campbell
- 6 — Van Egmond, Giannone, Tortevski, Rosano, Colusso, J. Dick, Wellbourne
- 5 — Nile, A. Botalico, Berringer, K. Wilson, W. Baker, Goldworthy

Skypak State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
WOLL WARRINGAH ..	5	3	2	14	7	13
WOLL MACEDONIA	5	3	2	8	4	13
KU-RING-GAI	4	4	2	10	7	12
FRESHWATER	5	2	3	18	17	12
Melita Eagles	4	3	3	18	8	11
Rock. Ilinden	5	1	4	17	14	11
Avala	4	3	3	10	7	11
Uruguay	3	5	2	8	10	11
Sutherland	4	2	4	10	11	10
Polonia	2	4	4	11	19	8
Fairy Meadow	2	0	8	10	15	4
Penrith City	2	0	8	11	26	4

WOLLONGONG 1 (Gardener 25th) MELITA EAGLES 0 at Berkeley Sports Ground.

WOLLONGONG: G. Robinson 7, Muhlauer 8 (80th Campbell), Todorovski 7, Sweeney 7, Buskin 7, Wellbourne 9, Muzik 6, Bingham 7, Robinson 6 — Gardener 8 (Krkovski 80th), Giraldi 6.
MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac 7, Laing 7, McCoy 6, Wilson 6, Williams 7 — H. Todorovski 8, Farrugia 6, Vial 5 (Callanan 70th), Foxman 6, Farnsworth 6, Griffiths 7.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Wellbourne (WM), 2. Gardener (WM), 1. H. Todorovski (ME).

SUTHERLAND 0 KU-RING-GAI 2 (Bass 38th, Nile 42nd) at Seymour Shaw Park.

SUTHERLAND: Burroughs 7 — Nelson 6 (50th Parsons 6), Terry 6, Burrows 7, Cox 6, Cashman 7, Meades 7, Harrington 6, Johnstone 5 (60th Lerond 6) — Hughes 5, Sharpe 6.
KU-RING-GAI: Bohle 6 — Kavern 7, Berram 7, Watson 8, Goldworthy 6 — Groome 6, Quigley 6, Sutherland 8, N. Williamson 7 — Nile 8, Bass 7.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Nile (KI), 2. Watson (KI), 1. Sutherland (KI).

FAIRY MEADOW 0 URUGUAY 1 (Vecchiet 43rd) at Corral.

FAIRY MEADOW: Krajnovic 7 — White 7, Berringer 7, Kerr 7, Hobbs 7 — Cario 6, Piel 8, Dummett 7, W. Baker (12th Burleigh 6, 75th Norwood), S. Baker 7, Bell 6.
URUGUAY: Rosano 7, O'Donnell 7, Woods 8, Piriz 8, Tomasich 7, Vecchiet 7, Mosquera 8, Cuba 7, Genc 6, — Van Helden 7, Calcuterra 7 (60th Canzaro 7).

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Woods (U), 2. Peil (FM), 1. Mosquera (U).

FRESHWATER 1 (Giannone 70th) MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Davison 9th) at Narrabeen.

FRESHWATER: Bolkow 8, Botalico 7, Watt 8, Sterrey 7, Green 8 — Berry 5, Garrett 6, Dwyer 8, — Walker 6, Giannone 7, J. O'Rourke 5.
MANLY WARRINGAH: Catlin 7 — Dennis 6, J. Dick 9, Robin 7, Van Egmond 6, Stuart 6 (Eberington 50th), Campbell 7, Dean 7, Marshall 7, — McIntosh 6, Davison 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Dick (MW), 2. Briene (F), 1. Green (F).

AVALA 1 (Mariani 51st) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2 (Tortevski 17th, Nastevski 35th) at Knight Park.

AVALA: Thurlow 7 — Blackburn 7, Atagic 8, Pena 6, Divani 7, — Marjanovic 8, Cotes 6, Kodor 7, Filipovic 6, — Brown 5 (Radak 70th), Jeffery 6 (Mariani 46th).
ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Berry 7, — G. Wilson 8, Ploskic 8, D. Wilson 7, redas 8, — Tortevski 7, Darlington 7, Nastevski 6, — Genc 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Nastevski (RI), 2. Marjanovic (AI), 1. G. Wilson (AI).

POLOIA 1 (Pop 88th) PENRITH CITY 3 (Shaw 25th, Hunter 25th, Gray 85th) at Chopin Park.

POLOIA: Zic 6 — Ugarkovic 6, Kolwicz 7, Robertson 7, Geeke 7, Dries 5, Sobczyk 7, Mahamud 5, — Pop 5, Smith 6, Janic 5.
PENRITH CITY: Edwards 7, Hutton 7, Campbell 8, Shaw 8, Quarmby 7 — Jamieson 8, C. Thompson 7, Cross 6, — Gray 7, Martinez 7 (Nix), Hunter 7 (Mallord).

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Jamieson (PC), 2. Campbell (PC), 1. Shaw (PC).

Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MELITA EAGLES	7	2	1	11	8	16
FRESHWATER	7	2	2	14	15	15
SUTHERLAND	7	1	2	18	12	15
MANLY WARRINGAH	4	4	2	19	12	12
Penrith City	5	0	5	23	18	12
Ku-Ring-Gai	4	1	4	18	10	10
Fairy Meadow	4	1	5	15	10	10
Avala	4	1	5	15	10	10
Uruguay	2	3	5	17	23	7
Woll. Macedonia	2	2	5	15	25	6
Polonia	2	2	7	9	28	6
Penrith City	2	1	7	17	34	5

Third Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SUTHERLAND	9	1	0	29	4	19
PENRITH CITY	7	2	1	38	10	16
MELITA EAGLES	6	3	1	31	3	15
ROCK. ILINDEN	5	2	3	32	12	12
Avala	5	2	3	18	15	12
Manly Warringah	5	1	4	15	11	11
Macedonia	4	2	4	14	13	10
Uruguay	4	1	5	15	20	9
Ku-Ring-Gai	3	1	6	11	21	7
Fairy Meadow	2	7	10	21	7	7
Fairy Meadow	1	4	9	5	32	4
Freshwater	0	2	8	4	42	2

This competition will run for 20 rounds.

Leaders: 8. Nastevski (RI) 5. Filipovic (AI) 4. Gardener, Walker, Berringer, S. Baker, Serbas, Tkachuk, Dries, Hughes, Giannone, Foxman, Van Helden.

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● Nastevski

JOHNSTON UNDER PRESSURE

This weekend is the last round of the first half of the NSW State League season and also a good chance for Manly to create away from the rest of the field by beating Fairy Meadow at Cromer Park.

As we go to press, rumors are ripe on the South Coast that all is not well and that some measures would be taken to steady the ship. The position of Mike Johnston as coach of Fairy Meadow was discussed by the committee which was to make a final decision on Tuesday (yesterday).

Ku-Ring-Gai, only one point from the lead and enjoying its best season in the State League, is about to halt Rockdale Ilinden's fine progress. Mark Nile and Craig Bass have at long last found their scoring touch.

While Ku-Ring-Gai's defence, led by Berram and

Watson, should be strong enough to hold Nastevski, Gencovski and Risteovski at bay.

Uruguay, fresh from its success on the South Coast against Meadow is about to play yet another side from the south — Wollongong Macedonia. The visitors are in fine form and have the best defensive record in the League. Uruguay, along with Macedonia, has the worst record in attack.

However, the arrival of Calcuterra from Uruguay last week and the recent arrival of Perdomo should change the fortunes of Uruguay. Calcuterra played only part of the match against Fairy Meadow and showed that he is going to be an asset up front.

Perdomo is a silky striker and should add thrust on the flank. With the loss of Muhlauer through injury and possibly Talevski, Macedonia will be hard pressed to keep its fine defensive record intact.

Sutherland will be out to avenge its recent defeat when it meets Freshwater at Seymour Shaw. However, it is still difficult to see Sutherland taking more than a point against this in-form Freshwater side. Martin Driene of Marconi has recently joined Freshwater.

Polonia will have problems at Chopin Park, this time against Avala. After its unexpected loss to Penrith last weekend, Polonia, even with the return of Henjek Sobczyk, can hope for no more than one point. Avala, after losing to Ilinden, has all its players back on deck and must be a strong favourite.

Penrith, led by ex Melita player Alex Jamieson, will welcome Melita at Cook Park and despite the poor finishing by Eagles in the last five rounds, it is anticipated that Melita will press hard to finish the first round on a winning note.

Macedonian magic!

Wollongong Macedonia, the conqueror of Melita is now among the leading clubs in the NSW State League. After suffering two early defeats, the side has strung together eight games without defeat, notching three wins in a row. Its goalkeeper has not been beaten for the last 540 minutes of play!

Avala suffered yet another shock at Knight Park, this time at the hands of the high flying Rockdale Ilinden with Zlatko Nastevski, once again the scorer and the best player of the match. Park Nastevski now has scored in five successive matches and is leading in our top scorer's award.

Jamieson

Alex Jamieson, an ex-Olympic and Melita Eagles player, led Penrith City to an unexpected but deserved win over Polonia at Chopin Park. It was all over during the first 45 minutes when Penrith scored two goals in the space of eight minutes.

Ian Shaw in the 17th and Ian Hunter in the 25th stunned Polonia.

Polonia was so poor that even the most ardent Polonia supporter turned away from the ground in disbelief.

Penrith City increased its lead with five minutes remaining through an enterprising Steven Gray, while Andrzej Pop replied a few minutes later but the home side was flattered by the losing margin.

Despite a reasonable comeback during the second period, Polonia never got into stride with Jurek Dries, its midfield star never coming to grips with the situation.

Henjek Sobczyk, 39, has made yet another comeback and was Polonia's best player.

Nastevski

For the fifty successive week, Slatko Nastevski scored and once again his goal was the difference at the end of the match. He was outstanding for Ilinden which conquered its winning march.

Tony Gencovski started the rot for Avala with a fine run which took him to Avala's penalty area. He was brought down on the edge of the area and Vladimir Tortevski made no mistake with his free kick to



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

give Ilinden the lead after 17 minutes.

Vince Nastovski provided the spade work in the 35th with a fine pass which found Nastevski close to the edge of the area. With the ease of a seasoned campaigner, Nastevski found the net to give Ilinden a two-goal lead before half time.

Avala came back during the second period and peppered Berry's goal. Its goal came only six minutes into the second half with Mariani making a name for himself with a superb finish.

But despite some promising attacks, Avala could not penetrate this well drilled Ilinden defence with Patrick Rodas having a fine game indeed.

Manly reigns

Manly Warringah is still the State League leader after its tough assignment at Narrabeen Sports Centre.

Manly should have had both points as it ran rings around Freshwater during the first period. Ron Davison, Manly's young forward and man who won last year's Grand Final for Manly's second grade side, started to show form early.

He scored after only nine minutes from a scramble inside Freshwater's penalty area.

Manly continued to dominate and created more chances during the second period, but poor finishing let it down. Don Allan, Manly's main strike force was away on business and his leadership sadly was missed.

The locals were not going to take things easy and scored with 20 minutes to go through Domenic Giannone. He was on hand to head home after Bob by Catlin, the Manly keeper, claimed that he had been pushed.

Dick, Manly's strong man at the back, was its star. He never let up on Barry Walker and gave him no room.

Vecchiet

Mike Johnson is about to become a coaching casualty, following this loss for Fairy Meadow at Corral, the third time at the hands of Uruguay.

So far, four coaching changes have taken place this season.

This loss to Uruguay came through a solitary goal by Robert Vecchiet after 43 minutes.

2nd & 3rd Divisions

Second Division results:

Campbelltown — Canterbury 3-0, Gladsville — Kingsford 1-3, Nth Bankstown — Lebanon 0-0, Queens Park — Bathurst 2-0, Yugal — Dee Why 0-0, Blacktown Utd — Artarmon 2-0.

Third Division results:

King Tomislav — Campbelltown Gunners 4-3, Port Hacking — Mt Drui 0-4, Baulkham Hills — North Ryde 3-0, Rooty Hill — Bondi Marine 0-1, West Utd — Moorebank 2-2, Granville Chile — Uni NSW 0-0.

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
GLADESVILLE	1	2	7	17	16	10
KINGSFORD	8	0	2	27	7	16
NTH BANK	6	1	3	17	6	13
CAMPBELLTOWN	4	2	19	12	12	12
Yugal	5	1	3	21	11	11
Dee Why	3	4	7	15	9	9
Bathurst	2	4	7	8	8	8
Artarmon	3	2	5	8	8	8
Blacktown Utd	4	1	16	8	8	8
Bathurst	3	1	6	10	13	7
Queens Park	2	1	7	12	27	5
Canterbury	2	0	8	6	28	4

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
GRAN CHILE	6	4	0	20	10	16
WEST UNIT	5	3	2	15	11	13
ED	4	4	2	14	9	12
RODRI	4	4	2	14	9	12
RINE	4	4	2	14	10	12
UNI NSW	4	3	3	18	11	11
ML Drui	4	2	4	10	10	10
Bondi	5	0	5	10	10	10
Baulkham	3	4	18	17	9	9
Port Hacking	3	4	17	9	9	9
Moorebank	4	0	6	14	8	8
Camp Town	3	1	6	13	11	7
King Tomislav	1	1	9	7	31	3

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KONDINSKI STARS IN CRUSHING FINAL WIN

Eliminators 8 Vasco de Gama 1

ELIMINATORS: Terzini 8, S. Kondinski 7, Boin 8, Bisetto 7, V. Kondinski 8, Giacomini 8, Gennai 8.
VASCO DE GAMA: Sokolovski 6, Stasi 8, Stergiou 7, J. Tanevski 8, V. Tanevski 7, Grbac 7.

Four minutes into this final in the Thomastown League, the Eliminators were 2-0 up thanks to Ernie Boin and Michael Giacomini.

Fielding a full team again, the Eliminators were showing great confidence.

A brief attack by Vasco de Gama could not bring any re-

Man of the match:
VELCE KONDINSKI
(Eliminators)

ward and Giacomini scored again to make it 3-0.

Vasco tried on a number of occasions to score but the ball was cleared over the crossbar or saved by the keeper.

Grbac for Vasco had a good left footed shot which passed through the keeper's hands only to go out for a corner, but this did not eventuate in a goal, and the ball quickly ended up

at Gennai's feet and he made the score 4-0.

Then a quick interpassing movements between Boin, Gennai and Kondinski saw a shot from the latter which hit the crossbar and went in. At this stage Vasco surely had lost any grasp it had on the Thomastown Cup.

Two minutes before half time Gennai made it 6-0.

The second half began with a hopeful shot by Vasco's Grbac but the crossbar again thwarted him and seconds later it happened again. The determination to score by Vasco was evident, but luck was not on its side.

Finally, a pass from Vasco Tanevski set up Albert Stasi (who was the top goalscorer in the Thomastown League) and he got his first and Vasco's only goal of the night.

Vasco started to hit back and Stasi again had a shot but didn't score.

Goal number seven came for the Eliminators when Giacomini intercepted the ball and cracked home a good shot.

The eighth and final goal for the Eliminators came from Tanevski who scored an own goal after intercepting a ball from Kondinski and passed it back to his keeper who did not see it coming.

MAGNIFICENT MAHONEY!

Split 3 Goodonya 5

The game between Goodonya and Split began in sensational fashion when Ante Pericic drove his first kick, following the kick off, low and hard leaving Giovanni Giordano stranded and giving Split a 1-0 lead.

In a game which was important in determining which side would have the double chance in the finals, Split looked likely to continue with its fine late season form.

The game was deadlocked for the next 12 minutes as Nino Ragusa, Steve Lawson and Steve Turkovic defended skillfully and set up attacking opportunities for Pericic.

Dennis Mahoney and Socrates Pamouktis worked hard and kept the Split boys honest. With a little more luck they could have given their team the lead as several shots narrowly missed the goal.

Split finally got the breakthrough in the 13th minute when Pericic broke past Pamouktis and was brought down as he was leading goalward.

Pamouktis received a yellow card for his effort and Ragusa netted a goal from the resulting free kick.

Man of the match:
DENNIS MAHONEY
(Goodonya)

Fortunately for Goodonya, Pamouktis was keen to make amends for his poor play and with only seconds remaining before halftime he drove in a powerful shot from the centre of the court which beat George Sarikizis and left the scorers a respectable 2-1 in favor of Split.

The tipsters would have been backing Split to move closer to the double chance in this game as its teamwork has been superb for several weeks.

Split attacked eagerly in the second half and at the two minute mark was unlucky to see an excellent pass from Lawson go begging.

The feature of Split's play at this point was its ability to defend fairly well then break down the court quickly leaving many open spaces.

At the four minute mark of the second half, Pericic made a great defensive steal, he broke down the court, skillfully controlling the ball as usual with his left foot, and showed his allround skill by driving

the ball into the net with his right foot.

Tsamos provided Goodonya with its first real chance at the five minute mark but he just missed the upright. Shortly after, Lawson took the ball after a bad exchange between two Goodonya players and had he goalied may have established an insurmountable lead.

Seconds later Dennis Mahoney dribbled the ball to the middle of the court and then drove an unstoppable shot into the net.

A minute later a tough tackle on Ragusa saw Mahoney with the ball again and he eagerly seized the opportunity to score his second goal.

A moment later Mahoney had another shot which just missed but a goal came Goodonya's way shortly after when Mahoney placed a corner throw nicely at the feet of George Thalassonos, giving Goodonya a 4-3 lead.

With two minutes to go, Split was not going to give up easily and could have equalised when a powerful shot from Pericic missed the goal by a millimetre.

Mahoney, appropriately, scored the sealer in the last minute when he controlled

a difficult corner throw on his chest pushing the ball into the net from the top of the goal area.

Euronations sealed the double chance by defeating top side Makedonia 3-0. Terry Frangakis (2) and Fabio Cacci were the goalscorers as Makedonia appeared sadly out of touch and was easily beaten.

The highlight of the Youth League was the loss of Junior Cosmos. Lowly Makedonia A had a night out, winning 8-1 with Attila Sallatavaglia scoring five goals, David McKay two and Carlo Renna One.

Senior results: Goodonya 5, Split 3, Euronations 3, Makedonia 0, Mutundis 5, Cosmos 0.

Senior Standings										
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Goodonya	7	1	1	37	14	27				
Euronations	7	0	2	34	19	26				
Makedonia	6	1	3	33	18	26				
Split	5	1	4	37	27	24				
Cosmos	3	1	5	16	28	18				
Mutundis	1	0	8	17	36	17				

Youth results: Makedonia B 4, Devils 3, Makedonia A 8, Junior Cosmos 1.

Youth Standings										
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Makedonia	5	3	1	31	16	28				
Junior										
Cosmos	6	0	3	32	22	27				
Makedonia	4	1	4	24	16	24				
Devils	3	1	4	17	20	24				
United Nations	1	1	7	13	45	15				

Hat-tricks for two Smooth Operators

Eight minutes into this game in the Donvale League Disciples scored their first goal and moments later a shot by the same player, Gary Vincent, brought up their second.

Bonds first goal came halfway into the first half when Marasco broke through the defence of the Disciples and put the ball into the net.

A good combination between Vincent and Carlo Innamorati led to the third goal for the Disciples.

Neither team was showing exceptional play so at the beginning of the second half the match was up for grabs.

Bonds had a couple of shots but the crossbar got in the way. Nine minutes into the second half a very tight Disciples defence was keeping Bonds out of the game, although Joakim tried very hard at all times.

A shot by Vincent made it 4-1 and soon after Disciples fifth goal was struck home by Innamorati, who added another goal seconds later.

Disciples definitely had the game wrapped up. Vincent scored with a running shot in the last minute to make it 7-1.

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Kaiser Chiefs' and Smooth Operators began knowing each other's strength and wanting to keep the top position.

Smooth Operators' Maurice Bisetto started with a goal in the 13th second!

John "Chook" Micheloudakis was the driving force of the team with many good passages of play in the early part of the game. He scored his first goal in the 10th minute.

It wasn't until the last five minutes of the first half that Jim Auvergnis from Kaiser Chiefs dribbled the ball from the half-way line and struck a hard shot which keeper Terzini dropped and the ball crossed the goal line. Soon after, a through ball from Bisetto to Micheloudakis saw another goal scored past Kaiser Chiefs keeper Talia to make it 3-1.

The second half began with Filipelli intercepting a ball in the sixth minute and scoring the fourth goal for the Smooth Operators.

This soon was followed by a Bisetto goal. Then, from a corner throw in, a pass by Boin to Bisetto saw him notch his hat-trick and his team's sixth goal.

The magnificent Micheloudakis also notched his hat-trick after dribbling past two defenders and putting the ball past Talia yet again. The final score was 7-1.

Group One results: Shalters 7, Red Devils 6, Calypos 5, Nike 3, Riviera 5, Smooth Operators 7, Kaiser Chiefs 1, Disciples 7, Bonds 1.

Group One Standings										
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Smooth Ops.	3	0	2	8	7	9				
Riviera	2	1	0	26	9	8				
Kaiser Chiefs	2	0	1	23	13	7				
Shalters	2	0	1	20	14	7				
Canons	1	2	0	16	13	7				
Nike	1	1	2	16	15	5				
Disciples	1	0	2	14	21	5				
Calypos	1	0	2	12	26	5				
Red Devils	0	1	2	12	22	4				
Bonds	0	0	3	4	31	3				

Top Scorers

16—Frank Tkaleciv (R)
9—Spiro Alatsas (Can), Sandro Bastasin (Sh)
8—Ernie Boin (SO), John Micheloudakis (SO)

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Di Martino, Kerr and Coyle

By MIKE LYNN

F'ston Pines 1 Thomastown 1

Scorers: Dick 73rd (Pines);
Higgins 33rd (Thomas).
Venue: Monterey Reserve,
Saturday.

This was a vastly different Thomastown from the side I watched the previous week. This Thomastown side showed heart and commitment with Nino Di Martino, Alan Kerr and Brian Coyle contesting everything in mid-field and making Pines fight all the way.

In the 2nd minute, Brian Flaherty broke through from almost on the halfway line. He got into a one-on-one situation with Dennis Boland but the former Footscray JUST goalkeeper was equal to the task, diving to his right to grab the ball at the second attempt.

In the 16th minute, Richie Armstrong laid the ball off to Graham Watson who sent Jimmy Ross down the right. Ross squared the ball into the goalmouth but Thomastown scrambled it clear from almost on the goal line.

A minute later Stan Webster beat Tony Cosentino on the right wing. Webster's cross wasn't cleared effectively. The ball fell to Ailly Dick but he shot weakly and straight at Mauro Raponi.

In the 13th minute Di Martino made a brilliant run on the

Man of the match: NINO DI MARTINO (Thomastown)

right. He laid the ball off to Kerr but he shot straight at Boland.

Flaherty broke down the left in the 20th minute and cut the ball back. Andy Higgins was well placed but headed over.

But Higgins made amends in the 33rd minute.

Di Martino played a superb 40 metre ball to Higgins who broke clear and in full stride knocked it sweetly past Boland and into goal to give Thomastown the lead.

Two minutes before the interval, the ball fell to Armstrong following a Pines corner. He hit a hard shot which struck a defender on the goal line. The ball rebounded to Webster whose shot struck the same defender.

Thomastown should have gone 2-0 in the 65th minute. Big Frank Macleod turned to play the ball back to Boland but Kevin Carlow, who had stayed up front after coming forward for a set-piece situation, pounced on the ball, turned and smacked it against the post. It was a real let-off for Pines.

Pines were doing most of the pressing now but kept giving the ball away too easily and Di Martino was in great touch in midfield.

In the 67th minute Di Martino crossed to the far post. Higgins played the ball back across the face of goal and Flaherty, sliding in, just failed to get what surely would have been a decisive touch.

A minute later, Watson met Craig Miller's cross from the left with a tremendous first time volley but Raponi was able to tip the ball over.

Pines finally broke through in the 73rd minute. Dick, on the right of the area, controlled the ball well, cut inside an opponent then hammered a magnificent left foot drive into the top near corner of goal.

Thomastown was beginning to lose its grip on the midfield battle and in the 80th minute a Miller cross picked out Dick who headed straight at Raponi.

A minute later, Thomastown strung together a tremendous interpassing move down the left. Cosentino, Di Martino and Flaherty were involved in six superb first time passes which ended with Cosentino's cross eluding Boland but there was no-one there to finish off a great build-up.

Kerr certainly added a lot to Thomastown and although Coyle and Flaherty are a bit down on confidence the signs are there that they may be about to bounce back. Thomastown is a better side than recent results suggest.

One thing Pines definitely don't lack is depth.

Paul Hennessy, John Cullen, Davie Ferris and Paul Cooke all played in the reserves.

However, Cullen was substituted and was far from happy.



• Jim Nelson



• Greg House

J.T. Gray can't beat Springvale

By JOHN JAMES

Melbourne 1 Springvale 3

Scorers: Beltecky 25th (M);
J. Nelson 6th, penalty 60th,
House 43rd (S).
Venue: J.T. Gray Reserve,
Saturday.

Springvale maintained its momentum toward top spot in State League and gained two points on a surface which will cause the downfall of a few clubs this season.

Simply stated, you can't play good football on J.T. Gray Reserve. Trying to push the ball around, and over-elaborating on build-up spells down.

Springvale coach Bobby McLachlan knew as much. Winning at J.T. Gray Reserve is all about commitment, keeping it tight at the back and getting the ball forward as quickly as possible.

"We came here to do a job and did it. I'm very satisfied and glad that we don't have to play on that pitch again this season," said McLachlan after the match.

Melbourne Hungaria's caretaker coach Ian McCarthy sprung a major surprise when he left young Lou Theodosopoulos on the bench until the 50th minute. Theodosopoulos had been one of Melbourne's best players in its 1-2 loss to Caulfield the previous week.

Melbourne's chances weren't helped by the presence of John Bird who was carrying an injury and perhaps shouldn't have played. Bird finally was substituted late in the game when the Vales had it wrapped up.

Spring got off to a dream start. In the 6th minute Jim Nelson controlled the ball well just inside the Melbourne area then smacked it low into the far corner. It was a well taken goal by the best player on the park.

Springvale had started in whirlwind fashion but to Melbourne's credit it began to come to grips with the game and Robert Beltecky scored a cracking equaliser in the 25th minute.

Man of the match: JIM NELSON (Springvale)

Beltecky, who rejoined Melbourne recently from Werribee, turned Gary Hobson on the right and from just outside the area on an acute angle, slammed home a superb drive which gave Billy Whiteside no chance. The ball flashed into the top far corner of the Springvale goal and it was 1-1.

Melbourne's spirits were up and the Vales looked ragged. Robert Morrey could have put Melbourne ahead with a fine shot but veteran goalkeeper Whiteside was equal to the task, diving at full length to tip the ball out for a corner.

Just when it looked like the sides would be deadlocked at half time up hopped will o' the wisp Greg House in the 43rd minute. Melbourne goalkeeper Joe Kiss had come out of his area when punting the ball downfield and the Vales were awarded a free kick. The ball was struck firmly by Hobson but only into Melbourne's defensive wall. It quickly was played back in to House who was just inside and he had little trouble in tucking his shot past the advancing Kiss to make it 2-1.

Springvale tightened things up at the back in the second half and although Melbourne fought valiantly the match was put out of its reach when Springvale won a penalty in the 60th minute and Nelson converted in his usual clinical manner.

Springvale's best chance to go further ahead fell to Ged Bannan. House broke clear again, laid the ball into the path of Bannan but his shot eluded both Kiss and the post.

While the Vales continue to eye the championship, Melbourne seems to have accepted the fact that it preserves its State League status it will could be by the skin of its teeth.

Two goals in four minutes

WERRIBEE 2 (Ellis 6, Deane o.g. 51). NUNAWADING CITY (Moyle 4, 86, Middlemast 17, Chiaravalle 58, Pote 62). Victorian Division One match at Galvin Park, Sunday.

WERRIBEE: Molteni, Italia, Headman, Pisco, Petricca, Scarlett, McNally, Paolozza (Brown 69), Lo Grassio (Anthon 82), Calderwood, Ellis.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjar, Lawler, Chiaravalle, McCombe, Reimelder, Pote, Muller, Deane, Greenewald, Middlemast, Moyle.

After twice allowing the home side to equalise, Nunawading maintained its promotional challenge with a strong, second-half display.

The visitors took the lead after four minutes when a long throw-in by Pote was headed back across goal by Middlemast and Moyle headed over Meletis.

The lead was shortlived as two minutes later, Ellis brilliantly drove home a 20 metre free kick into the far corner of goal.

In the 17th minute Greenewald got behind the defence on the right. His short cross to the near post was swept home by Middlemast.

Nunawading made the greater number of chances in the first half, but could not capitalise and paid the penalty just after the break when a corner kick struck Deane and the own goal again levelled the scores.

Two goals in four minutes virtually sealed the game.

In the 58th minute, after the ball had been cleared off the Werribee line, Pote crossed from the right and the ball fell

Selections

VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Saturday: Develon v KNOX CITY, OAKLEIGH v DUNSTON RANGERS, SUNBURY UNITED v ALBION RANGERS.
Sunday: MENTON v NUNAWADING CITY, Richmond v North Dandenong (draw), SM. Morrell v N. Dandenong, Werribee v ALTONA GATE.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: NORTH SUNSHINE v Monash University, UN. MELBOURNE v Melton, FOREST HILL v Mossfield, REGENT v Disley United, South Dandenong v CRANBOURNE, Morluk v CHELSEA.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: ALTONA UNITED v Glenry, PORT UNITED v Filzoy City, PARKMORE v BURWOOD UNITED, South Yarra v BATMAN UNITED, WEST MEADOWS v MICHAM UNITED, Meadow Park v ASCOT VALE CITY, SOUTH SPRINGVALE v Richmond United.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: LALOR v WEST UNITED, Kensington United v ST KILDA, WAVERLEY UNITED v Riversdale, NORTHERN UNITED v RUGBY A.S.C., DEBNEY PARK v Lyndale United, RINGWOOD ROVERS v Carum United, SKYE ROVERS v BALDWIN, AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE.

Sunday: Collingwood City v MACCABI, ASCOT ST MARKS v Brimston, Eagles United v NORTHERN SUBURBS, BALWYN CITY v Phillip Institute, Epping Thistle v ENDEAVOUR HILLS, DIAMOND VALLEY v Melbourne Uni.

DIVISION TWO
Sunday: CONCORD v Old Scotch, EAST ALTONA v Hawthorn United, Waverley Wanderers v OAKLEIGH UNITED, Diggs Rest v North Melbourne (draw), EAST RICHMOND v La Trobe Uni.

DIVISION THREE
Sunday: Camberwell Grammar v ANSTET UNITED, R.M.I.T. v Uplifted, Old Paradians v KEILOR UNITED, COLLINGWOOD v Intercity.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: ROYAL RICHMOND v Baiton, WAVERLEY CITY v Hamlyn Rangers, KEILOR v ESSENDON CITY, Merland Park Rangers v Eltham (draw), NORTH GEELONG v Dandenong City, RINGWOOD UNITED v Altona City, SANDRINGHAM v Prahran Celtic.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: GEELONG v Port Melbourne, Corio v MOORABBIN CITY, Prahran v PENTRIDGE GULLY, ROSANVA v Deburg, Springvale United v Clifton Hill (draw), Yarraville v MOORDOOLBARK, YALLORUN v Bell Park.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: Karling United v Hawthorn (draw), EAST BRUNSWICK v Brighton, LALOR UNITED v Ballarat, Keysborough v CLARINDA, Boronia v HOLLAND PARK, WEST BRUNSWICK v Langwarrin.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Saturday: Central City v IVANHOE CITY, MALVERN CITY v Greensboro, WILLIAMSTOWN v Berwick City, PASCOE VALE v East Geelong, SEAFORD UNITED v Clayton, WATIRNA v Ardeer, GEELONG UNITED v East Preston.

Then a long clearance from Madjar was headed back to Raponi by his own goal by Mistic Middlemast, following up, headed inside to Pote who volleyed home in style.

At this stage, Nunawading was well on top and could have increased the lead when Deane shot over from close range after beating his defender.

With four minutes to go, Deane chased a ball to the left corner, played it inside to Moyle and he lobbed over Meletis from 20 metres.

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Thomastown striker Andy Higgins — put his side 1-0 up against Pines at Monterey Reserve on Saturday.

Buffalo State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ST. ALB. DINAMO	6	5	1	19	7	17
SPRINGVALE	6	5	1	17	8	17
F'STON PINES	6	4	2	19	11	16
FAWKNER	6	3	2	12	6	15
Croydon	6	2	3	22	10	14
Box Hill	5	4	3	20	13	14
West Subs	6	2	4	20	19	14
Caulfield	5	1	6	18	22	11
Morwell Falc.	4	2	6	19	19	10
Thomastown	3	4	5	10	13	8
Northcote	2	4	6	17	27	8
Polonia	2	3	7	7	14	7
Wilhelmina	2	3	7	9	27	7
Melb-Hungaria	1	4	7	12	25	6

MORWELL FALCONS 4 (E. Cassar 8th, 22nd, A. Cassar 16th, Stirling 78th) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Beattie 73rd) at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.
MORWELL FALCONS: Escott 7 — Bingham 8, Clarke 7, Bruns 7, Train 7 — E. Cassar 8, O'Callaghan 8, Tutill 7 (Soatoc 77th) — Stirling 7, Vercchia 8, A. Cassar 7, Coach: Dave O'Connor.
WESTERN SUBURBS: Cinc 6 — Beattie 6, Esposito 5 (McLeod 56th), Smallman 6, Hamill 5 — Kakantonis 5, Dimovski 6, Palmancioti 5 — McCluskey 6, Tuck 7, McGuinness 7, Coach: Jimmy Kondilis.
Best three for Ametco Travel award: 3 Bingham (MF), 2 Vercchia (MF), 1 O'Callaghan (MF).

FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Dick 73rd) THOMASTOWN 1 (Higgins 33rd) at Monterey Reserve, Saturday.
FRANKSTON PINES: Boland 7 — Canning 8, R. Nelson 5, Macleod 6, Thurlow 5 — Watson 7, Ross 5 (Runje 75th), Miller 7 — Dick 6, Armstrong 6, Webster 7, Coach: Danny McMinimie.
THOMASTOWN: Raponi 5 — Carfaro 5, Pinauto 7, G. McMillan 6, Cosentino 6 — Evans 5, DiMartino 8, Kerr 7, Coyle 7 — Flaherty 5, Higgins 6, Coach: George McMillan.
Best three for Ametco Travel award: 3 DiMartino (T), 2 Pinauto (T), 1 Webster (SP).

MELBOURNE HUNGARIA 1 (Beltecky 25th) SPRINGVALE CITY 3 (J. Nelson 6th, penalty 60th, House 43rd) at J.T. Gray Reserve, Saturday.
MELBOURNE HUNGARIA: Kiss 6 — S. Wild 7, Edmondson 7, Bird 6 (in), Mills 80th, Dagnall 6 — Debono 5, Tzambazis 6, Wallace 6 — Beltecky 6, Morrey 6, Roberts 5 (L. Theodosopoulos 50th), Coach: Ian McCarthy (caretaker).
SPRINGVALE CITY: Whiteside 7 — Bentley 6, Vogel 6, Adams 7, Hobson 7 — J. Nelson 8 (in), M. Wild 88th), G. Bannan 6, Bell 6 — Athensky 6, House 6, Garvey 6, Coach: Bobby McLachlan.
Best three for Ametco Travel award: 3 J. Nelson (S), 2 Adams (S), 1 Edmondson (M).

FAWKNER 0 CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Brisons 83rd) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.
FAWKNER: R. Wilson — Welsh 8, Fattore 6, Schipano 6, Bordignon 8 — Angole 8 (in), Sabatino 35th, 6), Quigley 6, DiCocco 5 (Tuffield 82nd) — Mancinelli 5, Nixon 6, Cozzella 5, Coach: Peter Boyle.
CAULFIELD CITY: Alexandropoulos 7 — Vaggis 7, Brooks 9, T. Iofani 7, Tassios 6, S. Bennis 6, Kostas 6, Taylor 7, Theodoros 7 — Zemanik 7 (Armanidis 88th), Filippou 8, Coach: Takis Svingos.
Best three for Ametco Travel award: 3 Brooks (C), 2 Walsh (F), 1 Filippou (F).

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 3 (Storm 60th, 65th, Nijkhof 72nd) NORTHCOLE 3 (Toal penalty 20th, 65th, Drakeford 30th) at Jubilee Park, Sunday.
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Kasimis 7 — Russell 7, Cortis 6, Venn 7, Lange 6 — Beldens 6, Gernopoulos 5, Drakeford 9 — Toal 8, Storm 7, Nijkhof 6, Coach: Tom Kelly.
NORTHCOLE: Gernopoulos 5 — Patriotis 8, Cutler 5, Bozakis 4, J. Constantino 4 — Beldens 6, Gernopoulos 5, Drakeford 9 — Toal 8, Patriotis (in), Toro 10th), P. Constantino 7, Coach: Frank Munro.
Best three for Ametco Travel award: 3 Drakeford (N), 2 Toal (N), 1 Storm (RW).

BOX HILL 2 (Hennessy 19th, Roodhouse 60th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Morovic 54th, 78th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.
BOX HILL: McKelvey 7 — McPhee 7, Davidson 7, Hennessy 8, Roodhouse 9 — Taylor 7 (Azopov 78th), Hughes 8 — Gaggie 6, Goffin 6, McKenna 6, Coach: Keith Webster.
ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grigic 6 — Kuzman 7, Krajacic 8, Brkijacic 7, Desic 7 — Batovic 6, M. Wilson 8, Rastocic 6 (Dragovic 65th), Duzel 7, Morovic 7, Colina 7, Coach: Tony Vrzina.
Best three for Ametco Travel award: 3 Roodhouse (BH), 2 Krajacic (St.A), 1 Hennessy (BH).

POLONIA 0 CROYDON 1 (French penalty 6th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.
POLONIA: Dzielekowski 6 — Upiarski 5, G. Czapiak 5, A. Czapiak 6, Smolarek 5 — Ziembski 5 (Kadlicek H.T. 5), P. Czapiak 5, Gregorczuk 5 — Warsawski 5, Przybyla 5, Stewart 5, Coach: Eugene Snopkowski (caretaker).
CROYDON: Blasby 7 — M. Brown 6, O'Reilly 7, Tansy 7, Tait 7 — McDonald 6, MacLean 7, Bech 6, Livingstone 6 — French 7, Humble 7, Coach: Peter Orlerton.
Best three for Ametco Travel award: 3 Tansy (C), 2 French (C), 1 O'Reilly (C).

AMETCO TRAVEL AWARD
Ametco Travel, in conjunction with VSF Travel, will provide a return trip to Singapore for the 1986 State League Player of the Year.
Leading votegetters:
15 — Adams (Springvale)
14 — Dick (Pines)
13 — Krajacic (Dinamo), Bell (Springvale)
12 — D. Hennessy (Box Hill), M. Wilson (Dinamo)
11 — Burton (Box Hill), Cozzella (Fawkner)
10 — L. Theodosopoulos (Melbourne)
9 — Morovic (Dinamo), Dick (Suburb)
8 — Zemanik (Caulfield), French (Croydon), P. Bannan (Melbourne), O'Callaghan (Morwell), Di Martino, Pinauto (Thomastown).



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SOUTHERN DIVISION

H'berg Utd Alexander vs Footscray J.U.S.T.

Olympic Village 3pm SUNDAY

Youth Game:

Heidelberg Alexander vs Footscray J.U.S.T. 12.45pm



PETER TSOLAKIS



JOE PALATSIDES

Brunswick Utd Juventus vs Brisbane Lions

Olympic Park No.2 3pm SUNDAY

Youth Game:

Brunswick Juventus vs Fawkner at 12.45pm

Green Gully vs Adelaide City Juventus

Green Gully Reserve 3pm SUNDAY

Youth Game:

Green Gully vs Nunawading City at 12.45pm



JOE MULLEN



ROBBIE DUNN

Adelaide Hellas vs South Melbourne Hellas

Hindmarsh Stadium 2.30pm SUNDAY

Southern Division Youth Game:

Brighton vs South Melb Hellas V.T.B.A.

Brisbane City vs Melbourne Croatia

Perry Park 3pm SUNDAY

Southern Division Youth Game:

Frankston Pines vs Melbourne Croatia V.T.B.A.



DRAGO DEANKOVIC



MARK LENNON

Preston Makedonia vs Sunshine George Cross

Connor Reserve 3pm SUNDAY

Youth Game:

Preston Makedonia vs Sunshine. Geo. Cross at 12.45pm

NORTHERN DIVISION

Canberra vs Wollongong
at Bruce Stadium 3pm SUNDAY

Sydney Olympic vs Marconi
at Pratten Park 3pm SUNDAY

Apia Leichardt vs Blacktown
at Lambert Park 3pm SUNDAY

Sydney Croatia vs Canterbury
at Croatian Sports Centre 3pm SUNDAY

Newcastle Rosebud vs Inter Monaro
at Adamstown Oval at 2.30pm SATURDAY

Sydney City vs St George
at Sydney Athletic Field 3pm SUNDAY

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